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## Saud cites 'positive' Soviet role

BAHRAIN (R) — Saudi Arabian Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal has cited the "positive" role of the Soviet Union in the Middle East and said Saudi Arabia hoped conditions necessary for establishing diplomatic ties with Moscow would arise at some time in the future. In an interview published Saturday by the Paris-based Al Mustaqbal magazine, Prince Saud said the lack of Saudi-Soviet diplomatic ties did not mean "Saudi Arabia does not fully appreciate the Soviet Union's position on the Palestinian issue and the Arab-Israeli dispute." He said letters and consultations between the two countries were being exchanged continuously. "Diplomatic relations are a means of contact governed by specific circumstances which have not been realised with the Soviet Union in the past. We hope they would be realised in the future," he added.

## Israel has 100 nuclear weapons

WASHINGTON (AP) — Israel may have close to 100 nuclear weapons, according to a report by the Centre for Strategic and International Studies of Georgetown University released here. The study says that in 1982 Israel had the raw material for 27 weapons. "Israel is reported to have an undeclared nuclear weapons capability (the so-called 'bomb in the basement') that could be converted into weapons and deployed in a matter of hours," it says. It adds that the date of Israel's nuclear weapons capability is uncertain. It notes that Israel's Dimona reactor has been expanded and that Israel has acquired substantial amounts of the highly enriched uranium needed for weapons or found a way to produce it. "If so, the projected size of an Israeli SNF (Small Nuclear Force) would range from 30 to 50 or 100 to about 25," the study says. The report is dated March 15.

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## King congratulates Yugoslavians

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Thursday sent a congratulatory cable to Yugoslav President Vukobratovic Duranovic congratulating him on the occasion of the Yugoslav National Day and wishing him and the Yugoslav people progress and prosperity. King Hussein also sent a congratulatory cable to Manjarian President Mohammad Jouna. "Old Haidhah" congratulating him on Manjarian's National Day and wishing the Manjarian people further progress and prosperity.

## addouni briefs heysson on PNC

PARIS (R) — A senior Palestinian leader has briefed French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson on the Palestinian National Council (PNC) meetings which concluded Thursday in Amman, ministry officials said Friday. They said Farouk Kaddoumi, who heads the Political Department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), met an hour with Mr. Cheysson Thursday during a stop in Paris. Officials said France had been created in hearing first-hand about the eight-day congress, which endorsed efforts to seek a Jordanian-PLO approach to the Middle East peace settlement.

## King urges U.N. to implement resolutions

BAHRAIN (R) — King Fahd of Saudi Arabia said Friday that he had begun peace talks with the PLO in the Middle East, but that a "just and comprehensive" solution of the Palestinian issue, a letter marking the U.N. Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, sent to the United Nations in New York, the king also said that a solution should provide for the recovery of Palestinian rights, including that of an independent state on Palestinian soil. He urged that the day was being marked while the Palestinian people still under the yoke of Zionist aggression, deprived of the right to exercise their legitimate rights. "He called on the United Nations to implement its obligations to the Palestinian people and deter the Zionist aggression."

## relatives of detained Lebanese students return Italy

BEIRUT (R) — Relatives of seven Lebanese students arrested in Rome on suspicion of planning a bomb attack on the U.S. Embassy published a communiqué today warning the Italian and U.S. governments against expelling the students for what they described as "electoral or political" reasons. In a communiqué, published in Beirut newspapers, the police said on Tuesday they had found plans of the U.S. Embassy compound, marking what was thought to be the strong and dark points of its defences, in the case of the men when they were tested in a Rome suburb. Rome police chief Marcello Monopoli said the men belonged to Islamic and (holy war), a shadowy Muslim fundamentalist group.

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# PNC ends, leaving door open towards flexible peace moves

By Lami K. Andoni  
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AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) ended its 17th session Thursday, entrusting the Executive Committee of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) to reply to His Majesty King Hussein's call for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian initiative to solve the Palestinian problem and leaving the door open for widened political moves on the part of the Palestinian leadership.

A political report issued at the end of eight days of deliberations over a host of issues, ranging from King Hussein's call for joint initiative to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's controversial visit to Egypt and the organisation's relations with Syria, however reiterated the PLO's rejection of United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, but welcomed the King's reaffirmation of his support for the organisation as the sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and its role in any efforts for peace on an equal footing with all other parties involved in the Middle East conflict.

## Arafat urges joint Arab-PLO efforts

By Salah Hattar  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat Friday urged an eight-day session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) with a call for collective Palestinian and Arab cooperation aimed at reaching a settlement to the Middle East problem. Speaking at a press conference a few hours after an overwhelming vote of confidence from the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, Mr. Arafat said the PLO will proceed with the "political programme" set up by the council to "reach our goals including the return to our (Israeli) occupied territories and establishing our independent Palestinian state."

As proposed by His Majesty King Hussein, Mr. Arafat said, "we agree on holding an international peace conference under the auspices of the United Nations and with the participation of all parties involved in the Middle East conflict, including the PLO."

## Adel Zwati dies at 62

AMMAN (J.T.) — Adel Zwati, a member of the Lower House of Parliament, died Friday at the age of 62, House Speaker Akel Al Fayed announced. Mr. Zwati was elected to the Lower House in February to represent the West Bank constituency of Nablus. The Nablies seat became vacant when the House decided to drop the membership of Adel Akel Al Fayed who was convicted of possessing and trading in opium. Mr. Zwati, who held a masters degree in literature from the American University of Beirut (AUB), had occupied several governmental posts including governorship of Hebron and Irbid and also served as assistant to the under-secretary of the Ministry of Information and as assistant to the budget department director. Mr. Zwati's body will be taken to his hometown of Nablus on Sunday.

initial report issued at the end of eight days of deliberations, left the issue to the PLO Executive Committee. The report was seen by observers as a definite sign that the organisation would welcome any peace initiative which would set as preconditions the establishment of an independent Palestinian state and recognition of the Palestinian people's right to self-determination.

The observers have their conclusions on the composition of the new Executive Committee, most of the members of which are considered moderate and prone to accept solutions for a peaceful settlement which would guarantee the legitimate rights of the Palestinians to statehood and self-determination. The political report emphasised and welcomed the King's reiteration of Jordan's support for the PLO as sole legitimate representative of the Palestinian people and its role in any peace efforts on an equal footing with all other parties involved in the Middle East conflict.

## PNC elects new PLO Executive Committee

By Sa'ad G. Hattar  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) Thursday elected a new Executive Committee for the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) and re-elected Yasser Arafat as chairman. (See story page 5) The newly-formed committee, which serves as a PLO cabinet, includes 11 members representing PLO factions and independents. Fa'iq, the mainstream command movement within the PLO had three seats for Mr. Arafat, Farouq Kaddoumi and Mahmoud Abbas, and Independent Arab Liberation Front (ALF) had one seat and the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) one seat. Three seats remained vacant for Palestinian factions which did not attend the 17th session of the PNC. Independent member Archbishop of the Arab Evangelical Episcopal Church Elias Khouri replaced Dr. Hanna Nasir as Executive Committee member representing Christian Palestinians. He is currently director of the Alhila School in Amman. He is known to be a staunch supporter of Mr. Arafat's Fatah wing.

## Lebanese militias battle near Israeli line

BEIRUT (Agencies) — Rival militias battled with mortars and multiple rocket launchers in the hills overlooking Israeli's "front line" in South Lebanon Friday. Police said they had no immediate casualty reports. There was no indication what triggered the two-hour duel, the latest in a series of almost daily eruptions that threaten to make the Kharronb region Lebanon's new flashpoint. The area is about 25 kilometres southeast of Beirut and commands the final stretch of the coastal highway that links the Lebanese capital with Israel's Awali River "front line."

## Kohl cautious over fresh arms talks

WASHINGTON (AP) — West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl cautioned Friday against having "too high expectations" for the January meeting between U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz and Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko. "One has to have patience," he said in an NBC television interview, "and we Europeans feel that every possible opportunity should be taken which may help to bring about a reasonable solution." Dr. Kohl arrived in Washington Thursday for a quick round of meetings with President Ronald Reagan and senior administration officials, to help shape Western strategy for upcoming U.S.-Soviet talks.

East conflict. The report, read out by the head of the PNC Political Committee, Nabil Sha'ath, stated that any basis for such an international conference should be an Arab plan endorsed in 1982 at the Fez summit.

The PLO's rejection of Resolution 242 stems from the document's reference to the Palestinians as refugees and not referring to the right of the Palestinian people to statehood.

The political report, which referred to a host of issues ranging from the King's proposal to PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat's controversial fence-mending with Egypt and the organisation's troubled relations with Syria, also provided for wider room for political moves by the PLO leadership, in that it set guidelines to normalise relations with Syria and reunify the Palestinian ranks based on majority decisions rather

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Expelled Mayor of Hebron Fahd Qawasmeh, born in 1939 in Hebron, worked in the education field in the occupied West Bank then became the head of the Science and Research and Agricultural Guidance Department after obtaining a Ph.D. in agricultural engineering. Mr. Qawasmeh became mayor of Hebron in 1976 and was deported by the Israeli authorities in 1980 with Mr. Milhem. Mr. Qawasmeh told the Jordan Times: "I hope that we will see peace in the region so that our children would not face what we had

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A car bomb killed four people in a mostly Druze town above Beirut Thursday and three more died shortly after when a shell landed in predominantly Christian East Beirut. A bomb scare also grounded a flight at Beirut airport and one person was wounded in a shooting during a demonstration at a Palestinian refugee camp in the capital. The car bomb, outside the central telephone exchange in the Druze mountain town of Aley, southeast of Beirut, went off as some 50 workers and customers were filing into the building early Thursday morning. Soon after, an artillery shell crashed onto a busy street corner in East Beirut, killing two passers-by and a two-year-old girl.

Asked if he would regard the U.S.-Soviet meeting as a thaw in an icy relationship, Dr. Kohl said he was not happy about the term. "A thaw is always a forerunner of spring and spring ordinarily is followed by summer. I am not willing to go as far as that. But this is an indication, a first signal, and perhaps may lead to the production of a whole bunch of spring flowers." The West German leader said that the fact "that this meeting will take place on this high level in itself justifies some measure of optimism." He noted that a year ago Moscow felt that the Europeans and particularly the West Germans "would not be able to keep their promise on what had been agreed upon by NATO" for deployment of intermediate range missiles. Although the thrust of Dr. Kohl's discussions in the U.S. will be on East-West affairs, the visitor is expected to raise thorny economic disagreements between the United States and Europe. The sources said Dr. Kohl would warn Mr. Reagan that only the Soviet Union would benefit if the economies of Western Europe, still suffering from mass unemployment, were further damaged. Diplomatic sources in Bonn said before Dr. Kohl's departure that the chancellor would express concern over a potential trade war.

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KING MEETS PLO LEADERS: His Majesty King Hussein Friday receives members of the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) newly-elected Executive Committee headed by Yasser Arafat (left) and the speaker of the Palestine National Council (PNC), Sheikh Abdul Hamid Al Sa'ah (to the King's left). The King congratulated the

Executive Committee members on their election. The King also held a private meeting with Mr. Arafat and Sheikh Sa'ah and exchanged views with them on the international situation vis-a-vis the Palestinian problem and the situation in the Arab World (Petra photo)

## King: PNC offered opportunity for Jordanian-Palestinian talks

AMMAN (J.T.) — The convening of the Palestine National Council (PNC), which ended its 17th session Thursday in Amman, was an opportunity for frank talks between Jordanian and Palestinian leaders and it also offered a chance for clarifying a number of matters and emphasising Jordan's total commitment to the Palestinian cause, His Majesty King Hussein said Thursday. King Hussein, addressing a delegation of parliament members representing the West Bank and independent members of the PNC, said that he hoped that a new determination to confront challenges in an effective manner will be ushered in the wake of the PNC meeting in Amman and right and justice can be reestablished. The delegation was calling on King Hussein to pay tribute to

Jordan and the King for hosting the Palestinian parliament-in-exile in Amman and emphasising the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship and the common objectives and destiny of the two peoples. The King expressed his delight at meeting the deputies and representatives of the Palestinian people "at this difficult stage in the Middle East that presents more challenges to the Arabs and the Palestinian cause," said the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, which reported the meeting. "The meeting of Palestinians in Amman was an opportunity for Jordanian-Palestinian consultations and exchange of views on ways for achieving the common goals," the King was quoted as saying. Referring to U.N. Security

Council Resolution 242, the King said that it presented a good chance for exchanging peace for land and was the only U.N. resolution backed by unanimous vote. "Our duty now is to demand the implementation of that resolution and the establishment of that principle on which we cannot compromise," the King said. "In my speech to the PNC I referred to the Rabat summit resolution and reiterated the summit's affirmation that the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) remains the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people," King Hussein pointed out. "Jordan also supports and is totally committed to other resolutions concerning the Palestinian issue which were passed

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## Hussein, Noor begin Egypt visit this week

AMMAN (J.T.) — Their Majesties King Hussein and Queen Noor will pay an official three-day visit to Egypt this week at the invitation of President Hosni Mubarak, the Royal Court said Thursday. Simultaneously a statement issued on Thursday by President Mubarak's office in Cairo said the King and Queen will arrive "at the beginning of next week." Sources close to the Egyptian government were quoted by Reuters as saying the state visit was expected to begin Saturday. The Jordanian News Agency, Petra, reported from Cairo that preparations for receiving King Hussein and Queen Noor were under way in the Egyptian capital. Main squares and public yards in Cairo have been decorated with Jordanian and Egyptian flags and the pictures of King Hussein and President Mubarak, Petra said in a dispatch from Cairo. Petra also quoted a Egyptian presidential palace statement as expressing President Mubarak's happiness at the visit by King Hussein and Queen Noor to Egypt and expressing pride in the close relations between the two countries and voicing appreciation to King Hussein's courageous and national stands to defend the Arab rights and interests.

The Egyptian press Friday carried news of the planned visit and said King Hussein and President Mubarak will discuss the latest developments of the Palestine question, results of the 17th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC) in Amman and the Middle East conflict. The Egyptian press also said that the Egyptian Foreign Ministry has drawn up a study on means and methods of supporting and developing bilateral relations in all fields. Egypt's Middle East News Agency (MENA) said King Hussein and President Mubarak will address the Egyptian Peoples Assembly (parliament). King Hussein's visit to Egypt will mark the first-ever by a leader of 17 Arab states which broke diplomatic relations with Cairo

## Jordan calls on U.N. to implement its resolutions

AMMAN (J.T.) — His Majesty King Hussein Friday called on the United Nations to "shoulder its responsibilities towards the Palestinian people and to implement its resolutions on the Palestine question." In a message to the U.N. special committee on Palestine marking the anniversary of the International Day of Solidarity with the Palestinian People, the King pointed out that Israel is pressing ahead with its efforts to consolidate the occupation of Arab lands in defiance of international will and exercising oppressive measures against the Palestinian people. The message, read out by Jordan's permanent representative to the U.N., Abdullah Salah, also reiterated Jordan's call for an international conference on the Middle East. "Jordan, in its interests to meet its national and historical responsibilities, calls on the international community to shoulder its responsibility towards the achievement of peace in the Middle East through an international conference with the participation of all parties concerned, in addition to the two superpowers and the permanent members of the U.N. Security Council," the message said. The message also called on the U.N. to implement Security Council Resolution 242 "which provides for exchange of land for peace, thus enabling the Palestinian people to exercise their right to self-determination in the Palestinian national soil, like all other people."

King Hussein also expressed appreciation to the special U.N. committee for its "faithful and dedicated role and efforts to assist the Palestinian people in restoring their legitimate rights and enabling them to live in peace and independence." In reply to the King's message, the committee's chairman, Senegal's permanent representative to the U.N., asked Mr. Saleh to convey the committee's gratitude to King Hussein, said the Jordanian News Agency, which released the text of the King's message.

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## Suspect arrested in Athens attempt on Jordanian diplomat

ATHENS (Agencies) — Greek border police on Friday arrested a Moroccan passport-holder as a suspect in an assassination attempt Thursday against a high-ranking Jordanian diplomat in Athens, a police spokesman in the Greek capital said. The suspect was identified as Amar Mabruki, the spokesman, who asked not to be named, said. The spokesman said Mabruki was arrested at 7:30 a.m. (0530 GMT) as he was leaving Greece at the Idomeni checkpoint on the northern border with Yugoslavia. A gunman tried to open fire on a car driven by Assim Qutaishat, 40, deputy chief of mission at the Jordanian embassy here on Thursday afternoon. But the assailant's automatic pistol jammed and he escaped on a motorcycle. The diplomat's two children were also in the car when the incident took place in a residential street in the Psychiko suburb

north of the city. The motorcycle was later traced to a rental agency in the seaside suburb of Glyfada, where police were told it had been rented Nov. 8 by a Moroccan passport holder. The police spokesman said Mabruki was being escorted to Athens for questioning. First reports from police sources said Jordanian Ambassador Awad Khalidi, who took up his post in Athens two months ago, had been the victim of an attack, but later police confirmed that Mr. Qutaishat was the intended target of the attack. On Nov. 7, 1983, a non-diplomatic employee of the Jordanian embassy was shot dead and another seriously injured when a gunman opened fire on them in Athens. Shortly before that incident, the Jordanian ambassadors in Rome and New Delhi had been shot and wounded.



# Egypt has launched new peace initiative, report says

LONDON (Agencies) — The Egyptian government says it has launched a new Middle East peace initiative that would involve the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) negotiating with Israel through intermediaries, the London-based Jewish Chronicle reported Friday.

The paper's foreign editor Joseph Finklestone said in a report from Cairo that he was given the details in an exclusive interview with Dr. Boutros Ghali, minister of state at the Egyptian Foreign Ministry.

Mr. Finklestone quoted Mr. Ghali as saying that Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak's government is ready to resume talks with Israel on condition that there would be both Jordanian and Palestinian participation.

Mr. Ghali told him: "We know quite well that we face a basic obstacle, in that Israel does not recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation and the PLO does not recognise Israel."

"There are new scenarios, and one of them is that the Jordanians or certain Palestinians on the West Bank and in Gaza would receive a mandate from the PLO and would participate in the talks."

Mr. Finklestone said Friday in a radio interview with the British Broadcasting Corp (BBC) broadcast after the report appeared in the paper that the Egyptian initiative has the tacit backing of Saudi Arabia.

He told the BBC that the Egyptians "want to think in terms of an extended Camp David agreement to include not only Israel and Egypt but (also) Jordan and the Palestinians. So therefore we are really thinking in terms of a

much enlarged peace treaty for the Middle East which would have a quite extensive and even revolutionary effect should it actually come into being."

Asked how the PLO would be included, given Israel's refusal to recognise it, Mr. Finklestone replied: "By the PLO delegating their authority either to the Jordanian government or to a group of Palestinians who are moderate in outlook, and it would be they who would negotiate on behalf of the PLO."

"Therefore the PLO and Israel certainly would not sit down at a table but negotiations would be taking place in effect between Israel and the Palestinians."

Asked if the Israelis or the Palestinians would accept this formula, Mr. Finklestone told the BBC:

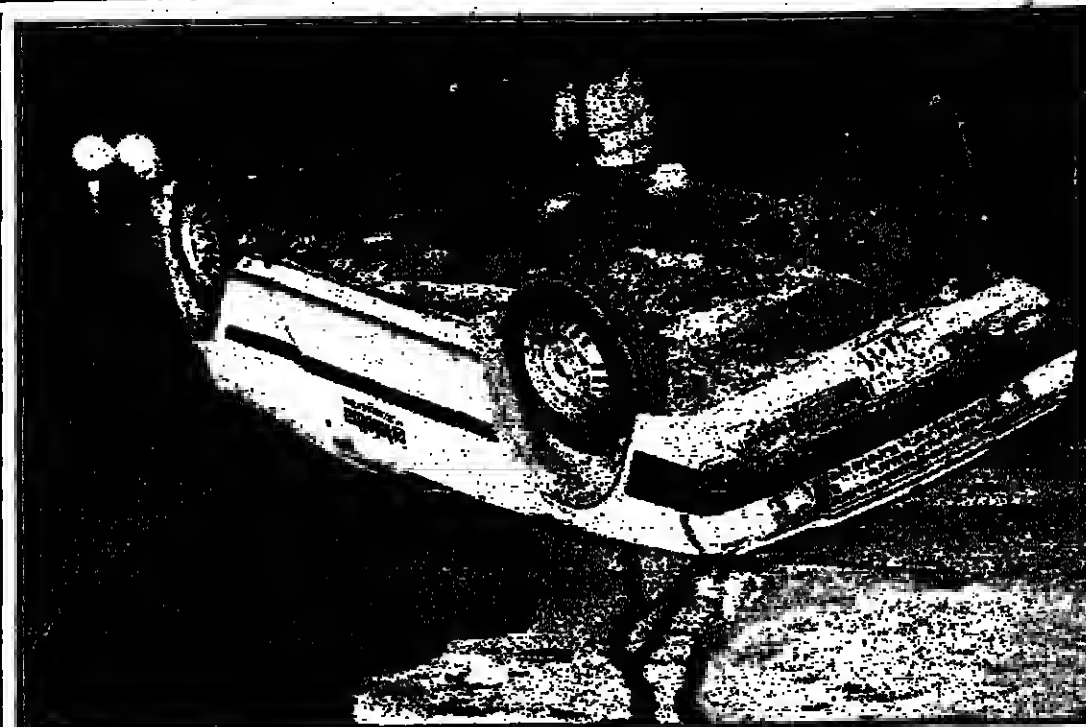
"My impression is that the Palestinians would be ready to accept such a formula because I cannot believe that the Egyptians put forward such a formula without in some way getting a hint from the

Palestinians that they would be agreeable to break the deadlock. "Otherwise the deadlock would never be broken because neither the Palestinians nor the Israelis are ready to make a concession on such a huge scale."

In a separate interview with Mr. Mubarak's chief foreign affairs aide, Osama Al Baz, Mr. Finklestone quoted him as saying the PLO might be prepared to accept Palestinian self-determination for the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza.

Such a Palestinian entity would be linked constitutionally with Jordan by a federation and would be close to both Egypt and Saudi Arabia. It would not be hostile to Israel. The question of whether the entity would have armed forces should be discussed between the parties concerned.

In time, the entity would evolve into an independent state with strong links with all Arab neighbours and friendly relations with Israel, Mr. Baz was quoted as saying.



## Bad overtaking cause pick-up, car collision on University road

By Sa'ad G. Hattar  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — A collision Friday night on the University highway caused severe damage to two cars but no casualties were reported. The collision took place due to wrong overtaking and to the lack of road signs, eyewitnesses said.

While a car from Baghdad, carrying a temporary admission plate number 48099, and a pick-up carrying a Jordanian plate number 152220 were coming from Amman and heading towards Sweilch, the car wrongly overtook the right side of the pick-up then turned to the left at high speed having nearly reached the turning point where he tried to make a U-turn.

Doing so, the driver lost control of his car causing it to skid left and right. At the same time the pick-up hit the car from the rear causing it to overturn to the other side of the highway.

Police rushed to the collision site to arrange the passage of traffic while the driver was safely pulled out of his overturned vehicle by passing citizens.

## Iran, Turkey reportedly reach border deal

ANKARA (R) — Turkey and Iran have reached an understanding not to allow guerrillas to launch attacks across their common border, the Turkish Foreign Ministry has said.

The move was apparently aimed at curbing the activities of ethnic Kurdish guerrillas who live or operate on both sides.

Ministry officials said the understanding was reached here by visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Hossein Sheikholeslam and Turkish Foreign Minister,

## NEWS IN BRIEF

### Libya, Malta sign security pact

VALLETTA (R) — Libya and Malta have signed a five-year treaty on security and economic cooperation under which both pledge not to join any military alliance that would affect the other's security. The Maltese government Thursday night published the text of the accord, signed here on Nov. 19 during a visit by Libyan leader Col. Muammar Qadhafi. Under the treaty, Malta, which lies in the Mediterranean south of Italy and north of western Libya, undertook not to allow foreign military bases on the island, nor to allow its territory to be used militarily against Libya.

### Algeria reshuffles military commands

PARIS (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid has re-introduced the post of army chief of staff and made a major shuffle of military commands, the Algerian News Agency APS, monitored here, reported. Maj.-Gen. Benloucif, who was secretary general of the Defence Ministry, becomes the new army chief of staff, according to a presidential decree quoted by APS. The post was abolished by the late president Houari Boumedienne following a coup attempt in 1967 by the then chief of staff, Col. Zbiri. The appointment of an army chief of staff and new military commands follows the creation of the rank of general in the Algerian army late last month. Two colonels were promoted to the rank of Maj.-Gen. and six others to general. Until recently, the highest rank was colonel, a legacy of the seven-year independence war against France.

### Mubarak meets air force officers

CAIRO (R) — President Hosni Mubarak has held a two-hour session with Egyptian Air Force officers and pilots, shortly after he denied Libyan assertions that Egypt planned aggression against Libya. The official Middle East News Agency said the meeting was held at an airbase but gave no further details. Mr. Mubarak held a similar long meeting on Nov. 24 with his top army chiefs but nothing could be gleaned from defence sources on the two meetings. Libyan Foreign Minister Ali Abdul Salam Al Turabi was quoted by the Libyan News Agency JANA on Sunday as saying in a message sent to the Arab League that Egyptian forces were on maximum alert.

### Ethiopian rebels release hostages

KHARTOUM (R) — Three hostages held by anti-government guerrillas in Ethiopia since October have been freed in Sudan, a guerrilla spokesman has said. They were named as Robert John, 35, a Briton, his Finnish wife Eva, 30, and Australian Michael Fintz, 29. They were among 10 people seized on Oct. 19 in Ethiopia's Wollo province by the Ethiopian People's Democratic Movement (EPRM) when guerrillas of that group and the Tigrean Peoples' Liberation Front (TPLF) attacked the garrison town of Lalibela. The seven others were released earlier but the guerrillas said at the time that three were kept to be taken on a tour of Wollo, alleged to be a region ignored by the government.

## Arar leaves for Tunis

AMMAN (Petra) — Deputy Prime Minister and Interior Minister Suleiman Arar left for Tunis Thursday at the head of an official delegation to attend the third Arab Interior Ministers' Council session due to open Saturday.

The ministers will discuss in their four-day meeting cooperation among their countries in social security affairs and combating crime.

The delegation accompanying Mr. Arar includes Col. Mohammed Tarazi, director of criminal investigations at the Public Security Department, Mohammed Al Adwan and Mohammed Hamdan from the Ministry of Interior.

The governors of Balqa and Zarqa who had already left for Tunis will join the delegation in the Tunisian capital.

## Israeli government threatened by walkouts

TEL AVIV (AP) — The Israeli cabinet averted a threatened collapse of the three-month-old bipartisan government Friday, persuading a key religious minister to remain in his post.

The controversy involved the distribution of two cabinet seats claimed by representatives of two religious parties in the 25-man cabinet.

Rabbi Yitzhak Peretz, a minister without portfolio who heads the ethnic party called Guardians of the Jewish Law, had threatened to resign unless he was given either the interior or the Religious Affairs Ministry, as promised to him by Deputy Prime Minister Yitzhak Shami's Herut Party.

The secretary of Herut, the largest party in the Likud bloc, called for Likud to back out of the coalition government unless Mr. Peretz were awarded one of the ministries during Friday's cabinet meeting.

"The Likud's credibility is at stake," said Transport Minister Haim Coria.

Ben Yosef Burg of the National Religious Party, the country's most powerful religious politician, and also a minister without portfolio, wants both posts for himself. Both parties have four seats each in the 120-member parliament.

Mr. Peretz withdrew his threat to resign after winning assurances from senior government officials that he would be awarded one of the two ministries soon, Israel Radio said.

The dispute between the two religious parties over the ministries almost prevented the establishment of a bipartisan government, because Likud supported Mr. Peretz for the Religious Affairs Ministry, while Mr. Peretz's Labour coalition supported Mr. Burg for the post.

## Canada to supply Turkey with Starfighters

ANKARA (R) — Canada will supply Turkey with 20 CF-104 fighter-bombers being phased out of its air force, Canadian Defence Minister Robert Coates said Friday.

He told a news conference the transfer was one of the subjects discussed during what he called useful and positive meetings with Turkish military and government leaders.

Turkey will start receiving the CF-104, the Canadian version of the McDonnell-Douglas Starfighter, under a NATO plan from January 1986, Mr. Coates said.

The Canadian minister, accompanied by senior military officers, had talks Thursday with Deputy Prime Minister Kaya Erturk and Friday with Defence Minister Zeki Yavuzturk and the chief of general staff, General Necdet Urgu. He was also seeing Prime Minister Turgut Ozal.

Mr. Coates said his talks included parliamentary cooperation and the possibility of forming business councils for the private sector.

He said he had "very significant discussions" on Canada's bid to supply Turkey with 50 De Havilland of Canada Buffalo transport planes and also talked about Canada's hopes of supplying Turkey's first nuclear power station.

Mr. Coates arrived in Ankara Thursday.

Italy is also competing with its Aeritalia G-222 and Casa of Spain with the CN-234.

Atomic Energy of Canada Limited is competing against West Germany's Kraftwerk Union to supply Turkey's first nuclear power station.

## GCC summit ends with plan to promote Iran-Iraq dialogue

KUWAIT (R) — A three-day summit of Gulf Arab leaders ended here Thursday with an announcement that the six heads of state had drafted ideas designed to prepare the way for peace talks between Iran and Iraq.

The final statement of the summit said the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), which groups Oman, Qatar, Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates, was "prepared to undertake any direct endeavour which might bring about progress towards dialogue and negotiations" between the two warring states.

"In this regard the council drew up ideas it hopes will meet with the required response," the statement, read by GCC Secretary-General Abdullah Bishara, added.

He gave no indication what the Arab states had in mind. GCC officials have already ruled out sending a GCC peace mission to Tehran to plead with the Iranians.

The heads of state appreciated Iraq's response to U.N. resolutions on the four-year-old conflict and called on Iran to contribute to peace efforts, the statement said.

Iraq has repeatedly expressed readiness to negotiate an end to the war, but Iran says it will go on fighting until the Iraqi government is overthrown.

The summit took place only 80 kilometres from the southernmost tip of the Gulf war battlefield, amid expressions of deep anxiety at the continuation of the fighting.

On defence cooperation, the subject which aroused most press speculation during the talks, the communiqué said only that the summit had reviewed the work of specialist defence and security committees.

"It stressed the importance of these achievements, which aim to translate the principle of self-reliance into a tangible reality ensuring that the peoples of the GCC states carry responsibility for their own defence," the communiqué added.

Gulf press reports have said the leaders might decide on a common military command, joint air defence or a Gulf rapid deployment force to intervene if any of the six states were dragged into war. If they did, Mr. Bishara made no reference to it.

The secretary-general did,

however, announce two practical steps towards turning the GCC into a Gulf common market.

He said the six governments had decided to give preferential treatment to goods produced within the region and had agreed on a formula regulating the right of GCC citizens to own real estate in other member states.

Sultan Qaboos Ibn Said of Oman, who will be the host at the GCC summit next year, told the final session the GCC's achievements may seem modest so far compared to its aspirations but the alliance could look to the future with confidence.

Diplomats had predicted that the summit would not produce any dramatic results, partly because the interests of the six states are so similar that they can easily contain any differences of opinion that may emerge.

On developments in the wider Arab World, the summit statement said the GCC was willing to take part in attempts to ease tensions between rival Arab states, although it made no specific suggestions as to how this might be done.

## Arab Dentists Federation ends meeting

BAGHDAD (Petra) — The 13th conference of the Arab Dentists Federation Thursday concluded its seven-day meetings here and decided to contribute towards a fund for supporting dentists in the occupied Arab territories and to allocate four scholarships in dentistry to students in the occupied Arab territories.

In a statement to the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, Dr. Walid

Maraqa, president of the Jordanian Dentists Association and head of the Jordanian delegation said Jordan's delegation presented three scientific researches dealing with the most modern methods of treating dental diseases.

Dr. Maraqa added that among the decisions adopted at the conference were changing the federation's infrastructure and for-

mation of the Higher Council which grouped two Jordanian dentists, namely Dr. Mohammad Obaidat and Dr. Abdul Aziz Al Haj, in addition to formation of the federation's sub-committees.

The 14th Arab Dentists Conference will be held in Amman in April, 1986, Dr. Maraqa said.

Taking part in the conference were dentists representing nine Arab countries.

## TV & RADIO

### JORDAN TELEVISION MAIN CHANNEL

06:00 Sports  
06:25 Children's Programme  
06:35 English Teaching  
06:50 First Aid  
07:00 Koran  
07:10 Cartoons  
07:20 Children's Programme  
07:30 A special programme on the occasion of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) National Day  
07:40 Local Programme  
07:50 Programme Review  
08:00 News Programme  
08:10 News in Arabic  
08:20 Arabic Series  
08:30 Programme Review  
08:40 Arabic Film  
08:50 News in Arabic  
09:00 Film Cont.

### FOREIGN CHANNEL

17:30 German Programme  
18:00 French Programme  
18:30 News in French  
19:00 News in Hebrew  
20:30 Comedy: Sorry  
21:00 Feature Film: "The Message"  
21:30 Anthony Quinn, Irene Pappas  
22:00 News in English  
22:15 Feature Film Continued

### RADIO JORDAN

855 KHz, AM & 99 MHz, FM & party on 95.60 KHz, SW

07:00 Light Music  
07:30 News  
08:00 Morning Show  
08:30 News Summary  
08:45 Morning Show  
09:00 News Summary  
09:15 Pop Session  
09:30 News Summary  
09:45 Pop Session  
10:00 News Bulletin  
10:10 Jordan Weekly  
10:30 Music  
10:45 Concert Hour  
10:50 News Summary  
11:00 Instrumentals  
11:10 Old Favourites  
11:30 Special Feature  
11:45 Music  
11:50 News Summary  
12:00 Top Twenty  
12:10 Country Music  
12:30 Good Old Days  
12:45 Just A Minute  
13:00 News Summary  
13:15 Country Music  
13:30 News Summary

### Play of the Week

22:00 News Summary  
23:00 Classical Concert  
24:00 News Headlines

### BBC WORLD SERVICE

06:00 News  
06:30 The 6:30 News  
06:45 Reflections 07:00  
07:10 News Summary  
07:30 The 7:30 News  
07:45 The World Today 08:00  
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### VOICE OF AMERICA

1200 MW, 7200, 9565, 11740 11925 and 15210 KHz.  
06:00 VOA Morning News. International Presentation of Popular Music with Features, Reports, Interviews, Answers to Listeners' Questions, Science Digest, Sports News at 30 minutes past the hour.  
07:00 News 17:10 The Week 17:30 Press Conference USA 18:00 News 18:10 American viewpoints 18:30 Special English News Features 19:00 News 19:10 Weekend 20:00 News 20:10 Close-up 20:30 Special English News and Features 21:00 News 21:10 American Viewpoints 21:30 Press Conference USA 22:00 News and Editorial 22:15 Music USA (Jazz) 22:30 Weekend Survey 23:00 Country Music 23:15 News Summary

## WHAT'S GOING ON

### TODAY'S EVENTS

1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.

### EXHIBITIONS

"An art exhibition entitled 'Meditations' by Hussein Dal'eh at 5 p.m. at the French Cultural Centre (until Dec. 5).

A solo exhibition entitled 'Jordan '84' by Saleh Abu Shindi at the Royal Cultural Centre (Dec. 1-6).

### JORDAN CINE-CLUB

"Woman in Red" at 8:00 p.m. at the Rainbow cinema theatre to be followed by discussion.

### CULTURAL CENTRES

Royal Cultural Centre - Tel. 6610267  
American Centre - 44371  
American Centre Library - 41520  
British Council - 36147-8  
French Cultural Centre - 37093  
German Institute - 31993  
Soviet Cultural Centre - 44203  
Spanish Cultural Centre - 24049  
Turkish Cultural Centre - 39777  
Hays Arts Centre - 665195  
Hussein Youth City - 667181  
Y.W.C.A. - 41793  
Y.W.M.C.A. - 664251  
Amman Municipal Library - 36111  
University of Jordan Library - 843555

### MUSEUMS

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre, Amman. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 51760.  
Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Qaf'a (Cliffed Hill). Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.  
Jordan National Gallery: Contains a collection of paintings, carvings, and sculptures by contemporary Islamic artists from most of the Muslim countries and a collection of paintings by 19th Century orientalist artists. Minaret, Jabal Lweid, Opening hours: 10:00 a.m.

### 1:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 30128.  
Martyr's Museum (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City, Amman. Opening hours 9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

Popular Life of Jordan Museum: 100 to 150 year old items such as costumes, weapons, musical instruments, etc. Opening hours: 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Closed Tuesdays. Tel. 37169.

### SERVICE CLUBS

Lions Amman Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Lions Palestine Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Amman Hotel, 7:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn, 1:30 p.m.

Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the International Hotel, 2:00 p.m.

Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Amman. Eighth Circle. Tel. 815261.

### CHURCHES

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 24590.  
Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Lweid, 374-40.  
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Jabal Amman, 66177.  
Church of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Abadi, 22541.  
Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, 41559.  
Armenian Catholic Church Ashrafieh, 771331.  
Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh, 77261.  
St. Elizabeth Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh, 771751.  
Assiout International Church (Inter-denominational) near Southern Baptist School in Smeisani, 816534.

### PRAYER TIMES

04:51 Sunrise  
06:19 Sunrise (Surat)  
11:25 Dhuhr  
14:12 Asr  
16:31 Maghrib  
17:28 Isha

## FOR THE TRAVELLER

### AMMAN AIRPORT

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### ARRIVALS

06:30 Cairo (MS)  
07:30 Baghdad (LA)  
08:30 Dubai, Karachi (RJ)  
09:45 Cairo (RJ)  
09:45 Jeddah (RJ)  
09:45 Beirut (RJ)  
09:55 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
09:55 Dhahran (RJ)  
10:10 Larnaca, Damascus (RJ)  
10:45 Beirut (RJ)  
10:45 Singapore, Abu Dhabi (RJ)  
12:00 Bahrain, Abu Dhabi, Muscat (GF)

### DEPARTURES

06:45 Cairo (RJ)  
06:50 Damascus, Frankfurt (LA)  
07:00 Beirut (RJ)  
07:15 Jeddah (RJ)  
07:30 Cairo (MS)  
08:30 Athens (OA)  
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11:30 Athens (RJ)  
11:45 Geneva, Madrid (RJ)  
12:00 London (RJ)  
12:15 Amsterdam, New York (RJ)  
12:30 Frankfurt (RJ)  
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18:45 Kuwait (RJ)  
19:10 Beirut (RJ)  
19:10 Baghdad (RJ)  
19:20 Cairo (MS)  
22:40 Larnaca, Bucharest (RJ)

### MARITIME TRAFFIC

Regular-line ships docking at Aqaba port:

Boleslaw Krzywosty  
Kapitan Mazowiecki  
Jeddah Crown  
Nakio Nadilo  
Kata Timur  
Molana  
Arabia  
Al Khassaa  
Arkis Star  
Kirkuk  
Jeddah Crown  
Kata Timur  
Khassaa

### MONEY EXCHANGE

Local teller rates in Jds  
Belgian franc 135.8/136.2  
Dutch guilder 15.8/15.2  
Egyptian pound 310.7/315  
French franc 42.6/42.9  
Iraqi dinar 332/339.3  
Indian lire (for 100) 21/21.2  
Japanese yen (for 100) 165.2/164.1  
Kuwaiti dinar 1328/1333  
Omani rial 1150.5/1153.5  
Qatari riyal 110.1/110.6  
Saudi riyal 113/113.4  
Swedish crown 45.7/46  
Swiss franc 152.8/152.7  
Syrian lire 12.5/12.6  
UAE dirham 109.5/110.5  
U.K. sterling pound 481.8/484.8  
U.S. dollar 480.5/483.5  
W. German mark 130.5/131.3

### WEATHER

Bulletin supplied by the Department of Meteorology

It will be fair, with below average temperature. Light and variable winds will become southerly moderate. In Aqaba, winds will be northerly moderate and seas calm.

Low/high temperature in deg.C  
Amman 15/22  
Aqaba 15/23  
Doha 15/23  
Jordan Valley 12/23

Yesterday's high temperatures:  
Amman 15, Aqaba 22, Hammad 15, dhaqir Amman 43 per cent, Aqaba 43 per cent.

## USEFUL TELEPHONE



## Noor chairs meeting of Jerash festival committee

AMMAN (Petra) — Her Majesty Queen Noor Thursday chaired a meeting of the Higher National Committee for the Jerash Festival during which the committee made a comprehensive evaluation of the Third Jerash Festival activities. The committee approved the guidelines of the forthcoming fourth Jerash Festival which will be held in July 1985.

The committee also approved the reappointment of Dr. Mazen Al Aramni as director of the festival. Queen Noor expressed her

pleasure at the positive results achieved by the festival and for the progress made towards achieving the festival's goals, which include reactivating and highlighting culture and arts in Jordan and establishing interaction which Arab countries and the countries of the world.

The Queen also expressed her hope that the efforts of the various committees of the festival will continue and that the official and private institutions will continue to support this national project.



His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan addresses a seminar on the problems facing Jordanian expatriates and students held at the University of Jordan on Thursday (Petra photo).

## Hassan stresses need for study on expatriate youth

By Rana Sabbagh  
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN — His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan stressed the need for a scientific approach in the study of the problems facing Jordanian youths abroad which he described as a new subject which has not been discussed before.

Speaking at the opening of a seminar on "Problems of Jordanian Expatriate Students and Workers" Thursday, Prince Hassan also said that any approach to study this social problem should be based on facts and figures and not on a descriptive basis.

The seminar, organised by the Forum Humanum-Jordan (FHJ) and held at the Faculty of Trade and Commerce at the University of Jordan, discussed three working papers related to the social and political adjustments of expatriate youth.

Prince Hassan said: "We consider manpower as a basic asset. We need to cover all the aspects of this problem since almost 300,000 Jordanian labourers are abroad including students". He added that once reliable information is gathered through civil authority surveys only then can the Ministry of Education and other authorities concerned with youth make a sound judgement based on numbers and not on value judgements.

The Crown Prince also stressed the role of educational texts used in both the preparatory and secondary stages in schools saying: "These texts should refine the students personality and his patriotism and sense of belonging before these students graduate."

### Constructive approach

He also suggested that both students and teachers should offer constructive remarks in trying to face and solve the current problems of Jordanian youth. He pointed out that Jordanian youth should have a profound educational background that will assist them in the future. Objective dialogue, direct participation and decision making should be endorsed throughout the educational process, instead of adopting to education as a memorisation process, he said.

Prince Hassan said that society

should establish a responsible and objective dialogue, especially if we consider our society as a developed and open society. These objective and responsible dialogues assist in developing patriotism, he added.

Prince Hassan also said that the social adjustment of Jordanian students abroad and the problems faced by them should be of interest and of important significance to the Jordanian universities which should initiate a study with the help of similar institutions abroad. Such a study would assist in understanding the social cohesion of these students when they return, he said. He also stressed the fact that students who study abroad should always remain notified about their homeland news as well as keeping up to date on the news of the countries in which they are living.

Prince Hassan said that low income classes spend so much money to cover their children's tuition fees and living expenses without having the least idea about the problems these children are facing abroad. He also hoped that the Forum Humanum would initiate special dialogue on current problems of social or agricultural policies and military conscription.

### Working papers

Suleiman Arar, deputy prime

minister and Minister of Interior, presented a working paper on "Multiplicity of Political Affiliation Abroad." The paper discussed the political problems that Jordanian youth are facing abroad, and the solutions that have been adapted by foreign countries in trying to solve this problem. Mr. Arar's paper said that establishing student unions abroad is not a solution to this problem.

The second working paper was on "Jordanian Students Social Adaptation Abroad." presented by Mr. Walid Maqalli. It discussed the social problems Jordanian youth encounter in trying to adjust to their new society. He blamed the Ministry of Education and the Jordanian diplomatic missions for not offering and assisting the students before they leave Jordan and upon their arrival in the new country, a fact which he said is due to the limited budget of both organisations.

A third paper, presented by Mr. Naji Amairah, discussed "The Expatriate's Relation to the Homeland". The paper reviewed the concept of expatriation and the rights and responsibilities of the expatriate.

Prince Hassan then commented on the seminar and evaluated the three papers. He stressed the Forum Humanum's active participation as a Forum for objective, democratic and responsible dialogue.

Attending the seminar were Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, president of the University of Jordan, and Dr. Adnan Badran, president of Yarmouk University and faculty members of both universities as well as members of the Forum Humanum.

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## NEWS IN BRIEF

### WAJ works on Karak water network

KARAK (Petra) — The Water Authority of Jordan (WAJ) is currently working on replacing the old water network in Karak at the cost of JD 700,000. The project includes the construction of two water reservoirs: one with a capacity of 4,500 cubic metres in Thallajeh area and the other with a capacity of 100,000 cubic metres in Marj area. The project also includes the construction of a pumping station in Marj area, in addition to the main and sub installations. The project will be implemented in eight months.

### Badran discusses industrial support

AMMAN (Petra) — The government is keen on supporting the industrial sector and developing it to perform its role in serving the Jordanian economy. Ministry of Industry and Trade Under-Secretary Ibrahim Badran said Thursday. Dr. Badran was speaking following a meeting he held with the chairman of the Amman Chamber of Industry (ACI), Mr. Isam Budier, and a number of industrialists and the ACI board of directors.

### Hikmat to open exhibition today

AMMAN (J.T.) — Minister of Culture, Tourism and Antiquities Taher Hikmat Saturday will patronise the opening of an art exhibition by Palestinian-born artist Saleh Abu Shindi. The exhibition of drawings and paintings at the Royal Cultural Centre will continue until Dec. 6.

### Greek team visits industry chamber

AMMAN (Petra) — Jordanian-Greek trade and economic relations and ways of strengthening these ties to serve the economy of the two countries were reviewed Thursday during a meeting between the Amman Chamber of Industry President Isam Budier and a visiting delegation from the Athens Chamber of Industry and Commerce. Also discussed was the possibility of setting up joint industrial projects between the two countries.

### Bulgarian news delegation arrives

AMMAN (Petra) — A delegation from the Bulgarian news agency arrived here Thursday on a several-day visit to Jordan during which they will acquaint themselves with the advancement which Jordan has achieved in various fields. The visit is in the framework of cooperation and exchange of visits between the Jordanian News Agency, Petra, and its Bulgarian counterpart.

## Nijm inspects Balqa road, public projects

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Public Works Rayef Nijm Thursday said that his ministry has allocated JD 542,000 for Ministry of Public Works projects in Balqa Governorate for the current year. A total of JD 100,000 has been spent on routine maintenance works. JD 22,000 was spent on periodic maintenance and JD 50,000 on construction projects in addition to JD 37,000 on asphalt roads.

Mr. Nijm was speaking after an inspection tour of Ministry of Public Works projects in Balqa Governorate, during which he inspected the progress of work on the Sweileh-Salt road which cost JD 687,000.

During a meeting with the officials in Balqa Public Works Department, Mr. Nijm called for exerting more efforts to expedite the implementation of the projects which are still under construction and instructed officials to draw up a plan for their requirements.

## Saket meets teachers in Karak

KARAK (Petra) — Education Minister Hikmat Al Saket said here that his ministry will pay back 50 per cent of any loan given to municipalities by the Cities and Villages Development Bank for the establishment of schools.

Addressing a meeting Thursday for principals of government schools in Karak Governorate, Mr. Saket said that the ministry will also help teachers to buy their own homes by contributing to a special ministry housing fund for teachers.

## Abdul Jaber calls for social plan to support needy families

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of Labour and Social Development Tayseer Abdul Jaber Thursday called for drawing up a comprehensive plan to support poor families in Jordan by establishing a special fund for this purpose.

Dr. Abdul Jaber, who was speaking during a meeting with the president and members of the General Union of Voluntary Societies (GUVS), called for defining the progress of voluntary social work and for setting priorities and projects.

GUVS Executive Council Cha-

irman Abdullah Al Khatib stressed that the importance of social work is derived from the dedication of the staff working in the social work field and that GUVS is keen on building relations of coordination with government authorities which support the work of GUVS.

Speaking about the contributions made by GUVS to the various charitable societies in Jordan, Dr. Khatib said that the organisation has distributed JD 50,000 to these societies to support their projects and activities.

## Ministry of Awqaf organises Prophet's birthday celebrations

AMMAN (Petra) — The Ministry of Awqaf and Islamic Affairs will organise a celebration at the Palace of Culture on Wednesday evening under royal patronage to mark the occasion of the Prophet Mohammad's birthday anniversary.

A ministry statement said that Minister of Awqaf Abed Kbalaf Daoudieh will be among the speakers on the occasion. According to the statement another religious celebration will be held at the Grand Hussein Mosque in downtown Amman on Tuesday evening in which several religious leaders will give speeches.

Other ceremonies will be held around the country along with seminars and book exhibitions to mark the occasion. Also, the ministry will distribute in-kind assistance to hospitals and to needy families, the statement added.

### Court sentences bribers

AMMAN (Petra) — The military court has sentenced Mohammad Taqatq and Sameer Issa to three months in prison and fined each of them JD 10 for offering a bribe to government employee to perform an illegal job. The military governor endorsed the sentence.

### Shounah collision leaves 17 injured

SHOUNAH (J.T.) — Seventeen people were injured in a road accident which took place Thursday evening when a bus, a motorcycle and a lorry collided near the Shounah triangle in the Jordan Valley area. The casualties were taken to Ma'az Ibn Jabal hospital in Shounah. Rescue teams from the Civil Defence Department and teams from nearby hospitals took part in the rescue operation.



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### ARABIC PRESS EDITORIALS

Friday's

#### Al Ra'i: Ending the freeze

THE OFFICIAL communiqué issued at the conclusion of the PNC's 17th session entrusted the PLO's Executive Committee to study the Jordanian perception of the joint Jordanian-Palestinian move and to study it in accordance with decisions of former PNC sessions, at the top of which is the rejection of the United Nations Resolution 242. The communiqué also said that referring the Jordanian perception to the PLO's Executive Committee for study comes in preparation for a joint move within the framework of cooperation among Arab countries.

The decision on referring the perceptive for study is one of the rights of the PNC, and Jordan in turn has stressed more than once that it respects the Palestinian decision and will support it. Despite this, it is worth remembering that the time factor plays a sound role in the course of the accelerating events in our area and that if we do not make use of this time factor in the interest of our cause, our enemy will use it as an arm, in addition to the ones it already has, to fight us and to Judaize the land and evict its inhabitants. This simply means that political work can not wait indefinitely because long waiting increases the state of freeze our cause is currently passing through. It also increases the state of indifference by a number of the international community's countries since such delay pushes the Palestine question down to one of the lowest priorities.

Therefore, the PLO Executive Committee bears a big responsibility to move quickly because the Palestine question does not allow for more Arab political freeze. Arabs should also crystallise a clear joint move to get the Palestine question out of the present state of suspension because no other parties will volunteer to find solution for their just cause.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: Starting a new stage

WITH THE victory the free Palestinian will has gained and with a revitalisation of the Palestinian national legitimacy, the Palestine Liberation Organisation institutions have restored their unified decision and decisive word in the Palestinian struggle to restore the rights, to liberate the land and to get rid of the shackles of hegemony and confiscation of decisions. The PLO has achieved an unprecedented success in view of the great support the PNC has gained from large sectors of the Palestinian and Arab people, thus gaining a new impetus to move actively and to start a new phase of political struggle.

To avoid committing the same positions and mistakes of the past, the political work warranted by the nature of this stage and the current situations in the occupied Arab territories requires adopting an objective attitude towards the formulas proposed for a joint Jordanian-Palestinian move, particularly after the world's attention has been diverted to other international and regional issues. Agreeing to a joint Jordanian-Palestinian formula requires untiring and continuous work by both Jordanians and Palestinians so that they can formulate a nucleus for a unified Arab stand towards the Palestine question which can in turn be presented to the whole world.

Thursday's

#### Al Ra'i: Building on a nucleus

IN HIS meeting with the representatives of the Palestinian refugees in Jordan, King Hussein reiterated the importance of Jordanian-Palestinian joint action which he described as the nucleus upon which joint Arab action can be built. In fact, the Jordanian-Palestinian hand is eligible to make moves towards breaking the deadlock in the pursuit of a solution to the Middle East question. It is a nucleus which can gather around it a joint Arab force that can launch an offensive towards solving the whole Arab-Israeli conflict.

Jordan is keen on preserving the right of the Palestinian people to take their own independent decision, something which the King reaffirmed in his speech to the Palestine National Council which groups representatives of the Palestinians.

The role which the council and these representatives can play should be clear to all, but if joined by the Jordanians the action will have a more meaningful impact on the regional and international levels. This joint effort is required in view of the enormous challenges and the serious dangers confronting the Palestinians and their cause.

#### Al Dustour: Respecting Resolutions

THE DAY of Solidarity with the Palestinian people which fell Thursday has been an annual practice, called for by the United Nations General Assembly in 1977. But many of the United Nations resolutions adopted before and after that date have not been respected nor implemented, and the United Nations credibility has been in question due to its failure to honour its resolutions and put them into force.

Part of the blame should also be borne by the Arab countries which now appear too weak to help the United Nations to take any meaningful step to end the problem. Perhaps the Palestine National Council, which has just ended a session in Amman, will take the initiative in strengthening Arab ranks and drawing their support for the Palestinian cause.

#### Sawt Al Shaab: After the PNC

NOW THAT the Palestine National Council's session has just ended in Amman, it can be said that the Palestinians have gathered more support than ever before for their cause and that their meeting was one of the most successful ever held. The Palestine Liberation Organisation's hand is further strengthened to confront the challenges and to regain the usurped lands and the Palestinian people under Israeli occupation are more hopeful for an end to their long ordeal. Having achieved this step, the council and the PLO should now take practical steps on the Arab and international fronts to work for liberating the Palestinian homeland. And we believe that the legitimate owners of Palestine should now embark on meaningful action to ensure the return of their rights and the liberation of their land.

In his speech to the representatives of the refugees in Jordan, King Hussein said that the Palestinians will not be alone in the field, but that Jordan will continue to support their efforts and endeavours towards reestablishing right and justice. The Jordanian and the Palestinian people now look forward to joint moves and meaningful action on all levels to ensure a return of Arab lands to their legitimate Palestinian owners.

# A rare opportunity for the Palestinians

By Musa Keilani

A NON-RECURRING opportunity and a unique chance to regain their usurped rights and homeland offered itself to the Palestinian leadership this week. In his address to the 17th session of the Palestine National Council (PNC), His Majesty King Hussein assured the delegates that the international situation now provides a unique opportunity to restore the occupied territories through a Jordanian-Palestinian formula which requires a commitment for a just, balanced, peaceful settlement on the basis of Security Council Resolution 242. Many constructive factors were revealed through the PNC meetings this week. The first factor was the re-assertion of the independent decision-making process of the Palestinian people. Both Damascus and Moscow refrained from sending delegates to the conference. This is the first time that the PNC manages to

break the Syrian hegemony and stand up to reconfirm its own identity as purely Palestinian.

The second factor is the study of the Jordanian-Palestinian formula. This study will be reflected in a coordinated effort in the international arena.

King Hussein's political acumen and world stature will be devoted to achieve the Palestinian dream of a "return to the homeland."

The third constructive factor is a nascent belief in the efficacy of peaceful struggle and negotiated achievements.

But the main question remains: Would the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) recognise Israel?

A Palestinian recognition of Israel contradicts the principle that the establishment of Israel constituted a grave injustice to

the Palestinian people that must be undone by recovery of the Palestinian homeland. The PLO leaders at the PNC meeting in Amman insinuated that they may be ready to accept a negotiated settlement which implies a recognition of Israel. But the PLO would want assurances that in return for recognition of Israel — "the last card" — at least the minimal Palestinian demands would be accepted. The PLO will hold on to this card until it gets the best deal. If the PLO plays this card and receives nothing in return, it will lose both its leadership and cause. Recognition of Israel is seen as an irreversible act. So, the PLO may be prepared to recognise Israel, but is reluctant to do so without an assured reciprocal recognition of Palestinian rights.

The PLO needs a formula to explain to pro-Syrian factions and Palestinians masses that it

is time to accept an honourable compromise. This way opposition could be neutralised and a split absorbed.

It is not the first time that the PLO leadership signals messages that it would recognise Israel if Palestinian rights are simultaneously recognised. In October 1977, the PLO endorsed the Gromyko-Vance statement that referred to Israel's right to exist in secure borders and to the legitimate rights of the Palestinians.

In 1979 the PLO supported a working paper by the British and French U.N. delegations that proposed amending Security Council Resolution 242 to include reference to Palestinian rights. Moreover, the PLO supports the 1982 Arab League summit meeting in Fez, Morocco. The Arab plan calls for a two-state solution to the Palestinian problem, implicitly

recognising Israel. Arafat's endorsement of the Arab plan signifies his readiness to recognise Israel within a framework of mutual recognition.

There were many indications in the PNC meetings in Amman that the Palestinian image of the future is consistent with a vision of peaceful co-existence based on mutual recognition.

Within this context, the Jordanian-Palestinian formula will save the PLO from its predicament. Jordan is legally and internationally entitled to restore the West Bank, which was part of the Kingdom in 1967.

It is hoped that the PLO's readiness for peace will be fully explored and exploited. So far, the main obstacle to peace was both the United States and Israel. The U.S. through its refusal to recognise Palestinian nationalism and the role of the

PLO as an accepted representative of that nationalism. Washington must talk directly with the PLO leadership without adhering to Kissinger's pledge not to negotiate with the PLO or recognise it.

Jordan, through an approved Jordanian-Palestinian formula, will be better qualified to stand with the Palestinians. So far, the United States in its anti-Palestinian stands, and Israel in its repressive measures are the only obstacles to the realisation of the Palestinian desire for peace in the area.

The new PLO leadership is hoped to be the most credible, legitimate and independently willing partner to restore peace to the area through acceptance of the Jordanian formula and through a positive response to the rare opportunity which was offered them, by His Majesty King Hussein.

## Khalaf: No conditions imposed on us in Amman

FATEH CENTRAL Committee member and leading PLO figure Salah Khalaf Monday, Nov. 26 addressed the Palestine National Council on current Palestinian affairs and relations with the Arab countries and leading world nations. Following are major excerpts from his speech.

MR. SPEAKER, sisters and brothers,

The atmosphere we are experiencing these days during the convocation of the Palestine National Council (PNC) does not just represent those meeting here — members, observers, and guests — but the situation of the Palestinian people in general, and our Arab Nation in particular. Everyone is following through the media every word that comes from this council. Everyone also awaits the resolutions of this council.

Although this council is convening in an ordinary session, it is in fact an extraordinary session. It was enforced by the coercive circumstances that this revolution and march have gone through. It was not our choice to convene this council with only those present. It was not our choice to convene this council in the absence of our brothers and comrades. Despite all our setbacks and sufferings, we have always made it a point to include them in all our council sessions. In fact, some people said that this session lacks the atmosphere of previous sessions.

Brothers,

We are missing dear comrades-in-arms in this council. This is a fact. But in order not to torture ourselves, I tell you frankly that some of them did not want to be absent, but this absence was forced upon them. This has nothing to do with them in any way. It has nothing to do with their independence, patriotism, and struggle, but has a great deal to do with the need for a place, which is the need of every Palestinian and revolution. The need for a place forced some of our brothers not to attend this council.

The others who are absent, they did not only want to be absent but they also wanted to do away with the PLO. This is because they uphold a wrong philosophy which says: A settlement has been proposed to the Palestinians and Arabs. I do not know what settlement they are talking about. But this is what they are saying. They say: A settlement is being imposed on the Arabs and the Palestinians. So how can we undermine this settlement? We can only do that by destroying the PLO.

So you can see that they are against this council in the first place. In fact, they have been against all council sessions in the past. They are also against the PLO. They hide their intentions by what they term rejection to prevent this people from gathering in the embrace of the PLO — this people who have lost their land and, in fact, everything except this organisation. I agree with my brother Shafiq Al-Hut that the PLO is a great achievement which we must preserve.

It is on this basis that we assumed the responsibility and called for the convocation of this National Council. It was not because we wanted to move away from our brothers in the Palestinian arena or to use this council as a rostrum to attack them while they are absent. I am referring to those who love the PLO and fought for the establishment of the PLO. I do not mean those who sold their conscience and even their honour. I mean the honest ones. I mean in particular the Democratic Alliance, including the PFLP, the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, the Palestinian Communist Party, and the Palestinian Liberation Front.

Some brothers have said that we must match up differences and rectify our relations with Syria. I say

that I am not against rectifying these relations. I have also heard this in the speeches by my brother Abu Ammar (Yasser Arafat), my brother Abu Al-Luf (Faruq Kadumi), brother Hani Al-Hasan, and every responsible person in the Palestinian arena. I have also heard this from the speeches by my brother Ahmad Sidqi Al-Dajani, and brother Shafiq Al-Hut, they all talk about rectifying relations with Syria.

In order not to enter into any vituperation or any kind of outbidding, I say right away that slandering Syria may not be beneficial, but avoiding any reference to the Syrian stand is also not beneficial. We must state the facts first. Then our PNC can address itself to Syria and say: We want to rectify the relationship with you. This is because the Syrian regime is only a phase in the history of Syria. But Syria the people, and Syria the Patriotic, will remain. We must preserve this Syria. As for the Syrian regime, it knows what its interests are.

I now ask my brothers and sisters in this council: Is it true that there are no political differences between us and Syria? Allow me to say: No, there are political differences between us and Syria. Syria, under the present regime, is not for the independent Palestinian state. This is the key factor in the differences. Syria is not for the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinians who enjoy an independent decision-making.

Is it permissible for the Syrian regime to say that it does not want Yasser Arafat? Only we here in this council, whether as individuals or a group, can say no to Yasser Arafat or any other Palestinian leader in this arena. But it is absolutely impermissible for the Syrian regime or any other Arab regime to say: We do not want this or that man.

So there are differences with Syria and I believe that they are political and not personal differences. The dispute was never between Yasser Arafat and the Syrian regime — the matter boils down to the question: Do we Palestinians have the right to choose our representatives or not?

The other point in the dispute is the subject of the state. Who among you heard Syria (talk about the independent Palestinian state — FPIS) from 1971 to 1978. I am saying from 1971 to 1978, because 1979 marked Al-Sadat's visit to Jerusalem and the Camp David accords. The talk about the independent Palestinian state did not begin at the Ba'th Party Congress in Syria or in the Syrian government. Only when President Al-Assad visits any country, that reference is made to the independent Palestinian state in the joint communiqué. So there are political differences. Let me ask you: When there were good relations between Jordan and Syria from 1971 to 1979, where were we? I remember that in several meetings, Abu Ammar used to tell President Al-Assad before and after other brothers who are here today: Find us a way in these relations between you and Jordan? We want to turn a new page, Abu Ammar used to tell him: Wait a minute.

How was the Jordanian-regime at that time? What has changed in it? King Hussein is still at the head of the regime and chooses his own government. Why was it when Syria decided that Jordan was a progressive, nationalist democratic country, nobody opposed it in the Palestinian or Arab arena, but when we decided to converge

our council in Amman, we were accused of high treason? Are these not strange paradoxes, brothers? This is our independent decision-making. From 1971 — and I will not say before that — and until 1979 the Jordanian regime was excellent, but when the Jordanian regime differed with the Syrian regime, then it must be subjected to a slanderous campaign.

In 1978, there was a historical unity, a national charter between Iraq and Syria. Our National Council was meeting in Damascus by coincidence. That historical unity could have set the Fateh movement aside and make the other organisations support the historical national charter. To Syria at that time, Iraq was excellent. A dispute occurred between Iraq and Syria, therefore, investigations had to be made against Iraq in order to make us support Iraq. With all due respect to the Iranian Revolution, we thought that it would compensate us for Egypt's temporary departure from the battlefield.

We expected a great deal from the Iranian Revolution, but instead of directing its guns at Jerusalem, it directed them at Baghdad. Why? Simply to overthrow the head of the Iraqi regime. Yasser Arafat should be overthrown by the PLO, and Saddam Hussein should be overthrown by Baghdad. Is it not unfair? Is it conceivable? Can an individual be so strong that wars are declared and the region's economic, human, and political resources squandered just to overthrow this individual?

Let us talk about Libya, although we in the council do not like to talk much about Libya. Some people believe — and my brother Mahmoud Darwish will support me here — that Libya is an unfortunate regime. Libya declared a unity with Morocco. My brother Shafiq Al-Hut was not frank on this subject, but I will be frank. Libya declared a unity with Mor-

occo. Only a few days — and I will not say months — before the unity, the voice of the Arab Homeland Radio — by the way this radio broadcasts only after midnight when people are asleep — said all kinds of things against the King of Morocco. Of course, we do support such talk. I will cite some of what the radio said: The King of Morocco is the godfather of Camp David; the King of Morocco is responsible for Arab-Israeli relations; and finally, the King of Morocco hosted a Zionist conference in Morocco. This is what the Libya Radio and officials used to say. The unity was suddenly declared, and very soon the Libyans would turn King Hassan into Che Guevara and the hero of all heroes, of course I am only quoting them.

Why, brothers? The announcements on Damascus and Tripoli Radios and the Television networks comment on every report about us. I jokingly told them: You have become like unions which do nothing but write statements. Have we heard a statement from the Syrians saying that this unity is between progressive and reactionary regimes

and asking how such a unity can be viable? Anybody said anything? Why? Because Al-Qadhafi is a revolutionary who has confidence in himself, but we have no confidence, when we hold the council in Amman, it is a loss for us. Why? What conditions will be imposed on us? If I speak out, perhaps the most that the Jordanian Radio and television will do is to censor some words, and they are free to do that, but does this prevent anyone from saying what he wants?

The question is more than that. Believe me, the truth of the crisis between us and Syria is that Syria does not want an independent Palestinian state. The truth of the crisis also is that they do not want the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. If we want to rectify the relationship with Syria, and I support the rectification of our relationship with Syria, we must raise two points. Syria must abide by the Arab summit resolutions. It must not abide by only those concerning it, but also those that concern others. The Rabat summit said that the PLO is the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. It also said that the Palestinians must choose the method of liberating their country. At the Baghdad summit, the Arabs were even more frank. They called for noninterference in the affairs of the PLO and the Palestinian Revolution.

Some people may say that these are differences between the Palestinians themselves. You have heard the secretary general of the Arab League. I respect and love the secretary general, but I will not hide the fact that his words were more painful than the rockets that were fired on Al-Baddawi. He kept talking about the split in the Palestinian ranks. But he did not say a single word about those who caused or encouraged this split.

Regarding the rectification of relations with Syria, we are with the rectification of relations with Syria because we are not to blame.

Let us now talk about the political moves in the Palestinian arena. I honestly thank His Majesty King Hussein for his courage (applause) in convening this council here. He could have rejected us like some other Arab regimes. Some people say: You want to empower King Hussein to speak on your behalf. I ask them: When King Hussein comes here and says: You are the sole, legitimate representatives of the Palestinian people. I take his words as the truth. Why this lack of self-confidence? We must act from self-confidence; we have said for the umpteenth time that the venue does not enforce the decision on us, especially when the owner of this venue does not have a desire to enforce this decision. We are the ones who enforce this decision. We have said it for the umpteenth time.

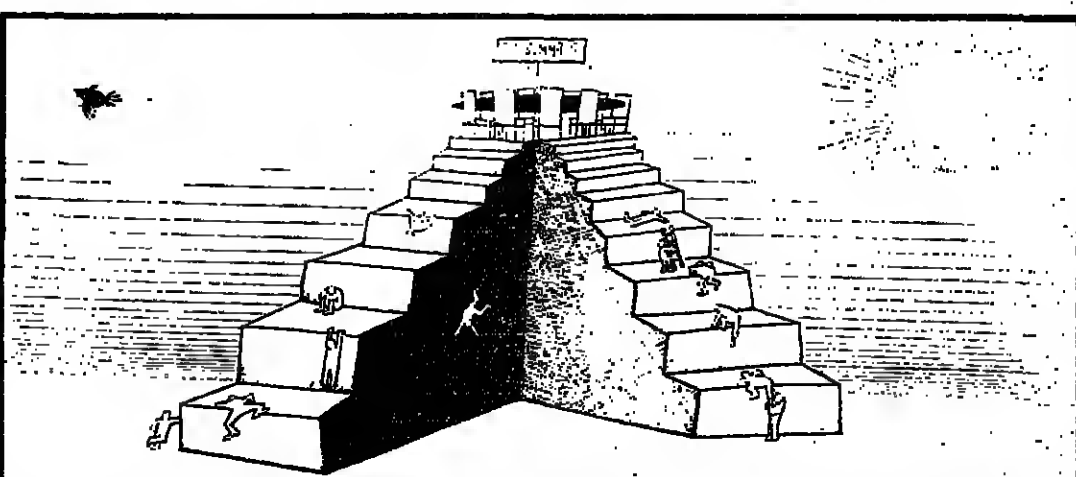
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member-states, especially the two superpowers, the USSR and the United States, the PLO and the other concerned parties is the suitable means or framework for solving the Palestine and Middle East questions. If this is the case and Jordan could raise the slogan: Peace in exchange for withdrawal from the Arab and Palestinian territory, peace in exchange for — and this is a condition — the establishment of the Palestinian state through our people's right to self-determination and to return. There is also an Arab commitment, to the Fez plan. Could this plan be a basis for the international conference? Could we and Jordan tell the Arab states you have signed this plan, so show us the way? The fear comes not from the international conference and not from our joint moves with Jordan. On the contrary, we must move with Jordan and any Arab state. I propose that your council refer King Hussein's initiative to the Executive Committee so it can study it within this broad framework and in light of the PLO's approved political programme.

Having discussed Arab issues, we must now speak briefly about the international community. Brother, Abdullah Al-Hurani, regretted the absence of some of our comrades in the Socialist (Libic comrades, headed by the USSR, from this council. But I say: What we have learned is that the USSR is trying hard to act as the key to a future settlement with Syria and some of our brothers in the Palestinian organisations. Therefore, it preferred to remain neutral. May not be precise when I say neutral. It preferred to be an observer. My brother Hani (Al-Hasan) spoke about the international equations and about Yalta. We did not have any friends in Yalta, Versailles, Vienna, or elsewhere. But it is definite that the USSR is our friend and we must not forget it. This should be considered as a passing cloud. We must extend our hands to it. We must not forget that it is our friend in this world. We must not forget that on the other side is the United States whose only friend is its interests. Its story with Kuwait, Jordan, and Saudi Arabia are well-known. It said no to surface-to-air weapons for defence. It said no to defence aid. Why? Because the Zionist tyranny in the United States tells them "do not give weapons". This has prompted Jordan, Kuwait — and later Saudi Arabia God willing — to purchase arms from the USSR.

Finally, allow me to address our greetings on your behalf to our great people all over the occupied territory — from Calile to Gaza, Tulkarm, Nabulus, and all towns and villages. I address your greetings and express our pride in our detainees in the prisons in the occupied territory. I address our greetings to our Lebanese and Palestinian prisoners in Ansar. I address our greetings to the Lebanese National Resistance which is fighting in defence of Arab honour. I tell all the brothers who ask us to back and assist, that we do not back and assist, we participate in the Lebanese National Resistance. Our greetings to the great Lebanese people who stood with us in all our crises.

Finally, greetings of pride and unity to our Jordanian people. We are one people. Many have tried to split us. From the National Council we tell them we greet our hands on every individual in Jordan every woman, child and man in this community. We tell them as brother Hani Al-Hasan said we will never be separated again. We will face our common destiny and challenges. Whoever tries to separate Palestinians and Jordanians must know that as His Majesty King Hussein said: There is no room for this chauvinism. We are one hand and one country. We are one revolution and one victory.



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matters. Whoever is against political action does not understand world revolutions. The Vietnamese were fighting, and they had the opportunity to fight because they had Hanoi. But they also negotiated. They negotiated in Paris while they fought in Vietnam. They fought the greatest battles. But they also conducted the best negotiations. We do not lack similar abilities.

I believe regarding that the mere acceptance of U.N. Resolution 242 will not open the door for us. And I do not believe that King Hussein means this. I said this to my brothers who discussed the subject. Jordan has accepted Resolution 242 since 1967, even before the Israeli approval of it. The Arabs in 1974, acknowledged the PLO as the sole, legitimate representative of the Palestinian people.

Peace in exchange for territory, what is our opinion on it? I bravely say: With your council's approval, we believe that the international conference — we agreed to this conference under the Brezhnev initiative and the French initiative — that is attended by the big powers of the Security Council

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## W.Bank mayor describes council as 'successful'

BETHLEHEM (R) — West Bank Palestinian leader, Mayor Elias Freij of Bethlehem, said Friday that the meeting of the Palestine National Council (PNC) had been successful and called on it to follow through to achieve a full Middle East peace.

The week-long council meetings in Amman ended Thursday night and West Bank and Gaza residents closely followed the proceedings, mostly by way of Jordan Television which is picked up eas-

ily in the Israeli-occupied areas. Mayor Freij told Reuters he felt the "conference was a good one and successful" but added that "we (the Palestinians) must now follow through and take the necessary steps to assure a comprehensive settlement is reached in the area."

He restated a long-held position that "time is not on our side and we must act before there will be nothing to discuss with the Israelis."

## PNC contributes nothing towards peace, Peres says

TEL AVIV (R) — Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres contended Thursday that the Palestine National Council (PNC) contributed nothing towards Arab-Israeli peace.

"I cannot point to any decision that changes the situation," Mr. Peres said in a speech to Israeli newspaper editors. "As is usually the case with these assemblies and within the PLO (Palestine Liberation Organisation) itself, there was an attempt to satisfy all sides

without making a real decision," he added.

The Israeli leader said the PNC, the Palestinian parliament-in-exile, failed during its sessions in Amman to take a clear position on joining Jordan in a new peace initiative.

"Is the PLO ready to discuss peace based on U.N. Security Council Resolution 242?" Mr. Peres asked. "No answer was given and it was decided to debate this further," he said.

## Soviets call for PLO unity

MOSCOW (R) — The Soviet Union called on the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Thursday to show unity if it wanted to remain an effective force against Israeli and United States plans in the region.

A telegram to the PLO from the Kremlin and published in the official media marking the 'Day of International Solidarity with the Palestinian People' said that the PLO should show "enhanced cohesion" and close cooperation with Arab nations.

The telegram was addressed to

the PLO as a whole rather than by name to the organisation's leader Yasser Arafat and was signed by a named member of the Kremlin leadership.

Mr. Arafat has enjoyed Soviet support as a stabilising force to the movement, despite opposition to him from Syria, Moscow's closest Middle East ally.

Moscow has repeatedly urged the PLO and other anti-Israeli factions to end internecine strife and to concentrate on the conflict with Israel.

## Syria's government papers denounce Arafat's re-election

AMMAN (AP) — The reaffirmation by the PNC for Yasser Arafat as chairman of the Palestine Liberation Organisation has drawn harsh criticism from the Syrian press which gave no indication of optimism for one of Mr. Arafat's reelection mandates; to patch up disputes with Syria.

Syria's government-controlled newspapers unanimously denounced Mr. Arafat's reelection as "illegal" and branded the PLO's new policy programme as "sur-renderist."

"The new PLO Executive Committee is illegal since the Palestine National Council, which appointed it, is illegal," said Al Thawra, which speaks for Syrian President Hafez Al Assad's gov-

ernment.

"Arafat has dictated his surrenderist document upon the PNC through means of pressure, blackmail and falsification," contended Tisbrin, another government-owned newspaper. "He was interfering in every single detail in order to prevent any opposition or even reservation by any member," the newspaper said.

Syria has backed Damascus-based PLO dissident factions that boycotted the meeting of the Palestinian Parliament-in-exile Amman meetings. These groups have charged that Mr. Arafat falsified the council's quorum to get the meetings under way, an accusation that was rejected by the PLO chairman's supporters.

## Abu Musa recovers from stroke

BAALBEK, Lebanon (R) — A military leader of a rebel Palestinian group opposed to Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat has recovered from a light stroke, Palestinian sources said Friday.

The sources said that Colonel Saeed Musa, known to his men as Abu Musa, suffered a stroke in the East Lebanese town of Taalbaya last week after making a speech against the meeting in Amman of the Palestine National Council (PNC).

They said the stroke was very

light and suffered as a result of exhaustion. He was taken to a hospital in East Lebanon and then spent three days in a Damascus hospital, one of these days in an intensive care unit. The sources said he was now in good health.

Abu Musa led the military revolt within Fatah, Arafat's majority wing of the PLO, that forced Mr. Arafat and his supporters to evacuate east and north Lebanon last year. The Fatah rebels remain opposed to Mr. Arafat's leadership and boycotted the PNC meeting.



**ALL SMILES:** PNC members and guests share a laugh during the final session Thursday. Those smiling include: PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat (front right); Executive Committee member Jamal Sorani (second right); Speaker of the Upper

House of Parliament Ahmad Al Lawzi (centre front); Bahjat Talhoumi, member of the Senate and former prime minister (front second left) and Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), member of Fatah Central Committee (front left) (Petra photo)

## Za'anoun dismisses Darashe invitation

AMMAN (Agencies) — First Deputy Speaker of the PNC Salim Al Za'anoun, known as Abu Al Adeb, Thursday dismissed reports that the PNC extended an invitation to Israeli Labour Party member, Abdul Wahab Al Darashe to attend the 17th session of the PNC.

Darashe, who gave into political pressure from Prime Minister Shimon Peres and the Israeli government, returned to Tel Aviv from Cyprus where he had been waiting for a flight to Amman to

address the closing session of the PNC in Amman.

Chief Labour whip Rafi Edri said Peres "demanded that I take all the necessary steps to bring Darashe home... after day-long conversations he (Darashe) accepted my appeal and said he would bow to the decision of the (parliamentary) faction and the prime minister."

Darashe, reached by phone in Cyprus, said his decision was also motivated by the fact that the Jordanian government refused to

grant him an entry visa despite an invitation from the Palestine Liberation Organisation, "which said it would welcome me with open arms."

Darashe, speaking on Israeli television from Nicosia said Edri's appeal "came before I knew for sure I wouldn't get Jordan's permission... at that stage, as a party member, I decided to come back."

Darashe also said: "I believe this initiative was important, and I will repeat it as soon as I feel it is appropriate."

## PNC leaves door open for flexible moves

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In his report Mr. Kaddoumi urged the council to endorse a policy which takes into consideration the "positive" changes in Egyptian policies under the leadership of President Hosni Mubarak, the Baghdad Arab summit resolutions which called for ostracising Egypt, and efforts towards a unified Arab stance to help the Egyptian people to disengage Egypt from the Camp David agreements.

During discussions late Wednesday, Mr. Kaddoumi, who was apparently provoked by criticism of his political report, classified the objectives of the new PLO policy towards Egypt.

"You are all talking about means of liberating Palestine but can any one explain how can we do that without Egypt and its political and military weight in the area?" he asked. "Ever since Egypt was removed from the Arab fold the Palestinian revolution has been facing disasters, therefore if we are serious about our national goals we have either to work practically and sincerely for the return of Egypt to the Arab fold through a unified Arab action, or to end the Iran-Iraq war," he said.

The PNC resolutions and general discussions, also reflected a clear shift in the PLO's position towards the four-year-old war between Iraq and Iran. The final communiqué stressed the urgency to end the war and expressed "appreciation and support" for Iraq which had been receptive to and welcoming all initiatives and calls to end the war.

Opponents of the convening the PNC, particularly the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine (DFLP) and the Palestinian Communist Party (PCP), however, charged that Mr. Kaddoumi's political report reflected bias towards Iraq against Iran.

Mr. Kaddoumi pointed out in his report that one of the differences between the PLO and Syria was the Syrian total support for Iran while Mr. Arafat paid a special respect in his speeches to "the courageous Arab knight" (Iraqi president) Saddam Hussein.

The PNC also called on the PLO Executive Committee to "follow a policy which serves the interests of our people in Egypt and the Gaza Strip and aim at enhancing ties between the Egyptian and Palestinian peoples."

The stable factors which rule Egyptian-Arab relations that the report referred to are probably the basis outlined in the political report presented to the council last Saturday by the head of the PLO Political Department, Farouk Kaddoumi.

## PNC endorses resolutions, recommendations

# Closing session re-elects Arafat, forms PLO Central Committee

By Salameh B. Ne'matt  
Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The Palestine National Council (PNC) ended the last day of its eight-day session Thursday with a pledge by Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat to carry on the fight for a Palestinian homeland.

In a speech he delivered after he was re-elected chairman of the PLO Executive Committee, Mr. Arafat said: "I pledge and vow to my people that we shall keep along the path, carrying our guns despite all plots and difficulties, until we return to Palestine and Jerusalem."

Mr. Arafat won a unanimous vote to head a new 11-member Executive Committee at the closing session of the meeting, known as the Palestinian parliament-in-exile.

"We do not fight for the sake of fighting... but international law says that those who face occupation and resist it with all means available," Mr. Arafat said.

In his speech, which was broadcast live on Jordan radio and television, Mr. Arafat directed his words at Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories, saying: "We shall fight this Zionist front (Israel) to liberate our land and holy places. I tell our people, everywhere we have a tryst with dawn and the dawn is near."

Mr. Arafat said he had a big responsibility and appealed for cooperation. "We must march together until we can hoist the Palestinian flag on the walls, minarets and churches of Jerusalem."

He said.

PNC Speaker Abdul Hamid Saeh empowered the Executive Committee to fill three vacant seats on the committee which were left for Palestinian factions which boycotted the session. It is not yet been confirmed which factions will be represented.

The council elected Executive Committee member Jawad Ghusein as president of the National Palestinian Fund and Farouk Kaddoumi as head of the PLO's Political Department.

## Central Committee

The council, in its closing session formed a PLO Central Council comprising Executive Committee members, secretaries general of popular organisations and representatives of the factions approved by the PNC and the Executive Committee. In addition to other PNC members.

The Central Council included 25 independent members elected by the PNC and three representatives of the military council. The Central Council has the power to approve or reject resolutions by the Executive Committee after a debate which should be attended by a quorum of two-thirds of the members.

The Central Council submits a report on the PNC works at each session by the specialised committees within the council. It also coordinates work with the Executive Committee.

Thursday's closing session included a debate of resolutions and recommendations submitted by various PNC committees aimed at revitalising the PLO's institutions. Most of the reports submitted by specialised committees were endorsed by the council.

At the conclusion of Thursday's session, the council heard the closing statement which included the guidelines for future PLO activities directed towards liberating the occupied territories.

The president of the Committee for Occupied Territories Affairs at the Jordanian Lower House of Parliament hosted a dinner banquet after the closing session in honour of Mr. Arafat and PNC members.

## Kaddoumi meets Cheysson

In another development, head of the PLO Political Department Farouk Kaddoumi met in Paris Thursday with French External Relations Minister Claude Cheysson on his way to New York to attend celebrations of Solidarity Day with the Palestinian people.

During their meeting, the two officials discussed issues related to the works of the PNC in Amman. The Iraqi news agency reported.

Meanwhile, delegations which attended the 17th session of the PNC started returning home Thursday night and Friday.

## PNC offered chance for talks

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by the Fez, Baghdad and Amman Arab summits," he said.

King Hussein made it clear that by referring to the Jordanian-Palestinian relationship in his speech he wanted to prevent any attempt by Israel or other Arab states from interfering in this relationship.

"The question of the special relationship concerns the Jordanians and Palestinians alone and therefore should remain beyond the sphere of discussion or debate as the two sides should be allowed the time to concentrate efforts aimed at relieving our kinsmen from further suffering," King Hussein said.

In reply, PNC member Fahd Al Qawasmeh, who was Thursday elected member of the PLO Executive Committee, said that the PNC members had entrusted the delegation to convey their affection, their appreciation and gratitude to the King for patronising the PNC session and for the facilities offered by the Jordanian government and its different services to make their session a success.

Other speakers at Thursday's meeting also voiced their appreciation to the King for his support to the Palestinian cause.

Also on Thursday, the King received at Al Nadwa Palace PNC Speaker Sheikh Abdul Hamid Saeh, PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, members of the PLO Executive Committee and the Central Committee of Fatah, the mainstream commando movement, and two deputy speakers of the PNC.

## Arab-Palestinian efforts needed

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In doubt and we have held our council here to fight with our democracy those who opposed the will of the Palestinian people," Mr. Arafat said.

In response to a question on reopening dialogue among various PLO factions, Mr. Arafat said "we will be committed to our constitution and regulations in regards those dissidents who nurtured against the revolution."

He said there will be a dialogue only with the parties that signed the Aden-Algeria agreements earlier this year.

On Syrian-Palestinian relations, Mr. Arafat said: "I am not here to prove anything to any country but to carry out the will of the Palestinian people. As for Syria, we open our hearts for them."

He said.

Secretary General of the Arab Liberation Front Abdul Rahim Ahmad, supported by the Iraqi Ba'ath party, is considered a pro-Fatah member and is currently living in Amman.

Independent member Jamal Sorani, who was earlier nominated for the post of PNC speaker, "carry political views identical to those of Mr. Arafat," a Palestinian observer told the Jordan Times.

Being a lawyer, Mr. Sorani was always referred to in legal matters concerning the PLO.

Mohammad Abbas, a member of the Palestine Liberation Front (PLF) is known to be a leftist in the PLO but since the Tripoli factional fighting after which Mr. Arafat was driven out of Lebanon, "has taken a different stance against Syrian interference in Palestinian affairs," the observer said.

Mr. Abbas was expelled from Syria in November 1983. Despite strong opposition from PLF leader Talfat Yacoub, he attended

the PNC session here.

Farouk Kaddoumi is described as being the PLO's foreign minister. He is one of the founders of the Fatah movement in the '60s before being elected to the Executive Committee in 1969. Since then, he has been among the top decision makers in the PLO. In Thursday's session, he was also elected as head of the PLO Political Department.

Fatah member Mahmoud Abbas who lives in Syria, obtained his Ph.D. on Middle East Studies from the Soviet Union universities. He published books on Zionism and its relation to current American policies. Dr. Abbas was among those who call for closer Palestinian ties with "progressive" parties.

Jawad Ghusein, independent, is a successful businessman working in the United Arab Emirates. He is being elected to the Executive Committee for the first time.

PLO representative in Amman Abdul Razzaq Al Yulhi is known for his flexible stands in dealing with Palestinian political issues. He is appointed Executive Committee member for the first time.

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## Egypt's National wins 1st leg of African Cup final

CAIRO (R) — Egypt National's bid for the Africa Cup Winners' Cup title suffered a setback when they beat Cameroun's Canon Yaounde by only a single goal in the first leg of the final here Friday.

National, roared on by a capacity crowd of 100,000, put on an impressive first-half performance to outclass Canon and keep them under constant pressure.

But the Egyptian side's hopes for more goals to ease their way through next month's away leg faded with an uninspired second-half showing that left them looking like a spent force.

The lone goal came from international midfielder Magdi Abdul-Ghani, who headed home a corner from winger Mustapha Abdou in the 33rd minute.

Ghani, whose relentless all-round game has proved invaluable

to both his side and the National team, sprinted from outside the box to meet Abdou's cross. Rising above defender Onana Eloundou and goalkeeper Soogo'o, Ghani found his target high on the right side of the goal.

National, who won the more prestigious Champions Cup in 1982 and were runners-up last season, forced Canon to pack their defence in the opening minutes.

Taber Abu-Zeid came close in the fifth minute when he headed wide a cross floated in by Abdou. Zeid, 24, came close again 20 minutes later only to have his point-blank shot deflected by

Canon defenders.

Veteran striker Mahmoud Al-Khatib, whose participation was in doubt until the last minute due to injury, came close to opening the score when he intercepted a pass from defender Etame to Soogo'o. His right foot could only manage a more powerful pass to Soogo'o.

Canon would not have been in Friday's final except for Egypt's political differences with Libya which prevented semi-final winners Al-Ahli from showing up in Cairo for their first leg final match on Nov. 16. Al-Ahli were disqualified and Canon took their place.

But Friday's encounter proved Canon hardly an undeserving substitute, given their stamina and formidable defensive tactics.

Veterans Jacques Nguea and captain Emmanuel Kuode were Canon's key players. They surrendered their midfield positions to lead a hand to the less experienced, though enthusiastic, Eloundou and Edene in defence. Nguea, who turned 30 just 11 days ago, posed a threat to National's defence with counter attacks, though he never seriously tested National goalkeeper Ahmed Shoubir.

## Kuwait begins defence of Asian Cup soccer title

SINGAPORE (AP) — Defending champion Kuwait, who unexpectedly failed to qualify for the Los Angeles Olympics, is likely to face a stiff challenge in the 17-day Asian Cup Soccer Championship at the national stadium beginning Saturday.

Iran, Saudi Arabia and Qatar have made significant improvements, soccer critics here say. They predict a close four-way fight among the Middle East teams for the 10-oatoo Asian Cup during the next two weeks. The other teams are Syria, South Korea, India, China, United Arab Emirates, and Singapore.

"We will win the Asian Cup," Kuwait's Brazilian-born coach Tony Lopez said. "I do not see any possibility of any failure during the Asian Championships. We will make up for the poor performance during the pre-Olympic tournament. We strongly believe we have finally found the right formula."

Lopez dropped goalkeeper Adam Ahmad, fielder Abdul Reda and striker Fathi Kamil but retained strikers Faisal Al-Dakheel and Abdullah Mohammed Al-Buloshi.

Iran, the only country to win the

Asian Cup three times — in 1968, 1972 and 1976 — will pose the biggest threat to Kuwait, particularly after their recent 10-week intensive training, the critics said.

The fruits of their preparations were evident in the record 21 goals scored in four preliminary-round matches during last month's Asian Cup qualifying tournament in Jakarta, where Iran emerged group champions.

"We want to prove we are Asia's best soccer team. The players have worked hard and with the grace of Allah, we will win the cup for the fourth time," the Iranian team manager, M. Kebrairi said.

Saudi Arabia, with new Argentinian coach Ricardo Pizarro, is perhaps the most recently improved Asian team, especially after their debut in Olympic soccer in Los Angeles, they said.

"Our target is the semifinals. The players have been better educated after the Los Angeles Olympics and we believe we are on the shores of embarking on a new era of soccer greatness," Saudi trainer Khalil Al-Zeyani said.

Pizarro, one-time assistant to Cesar Menotti when Argentina won the World Cup six years ago, has installed a new confidence in the Saudis, who were previously coached by Brazilian Mario Agalo, the critics said.

Saudi Arabian strikers Majed Mohammed and Mchaisen Al-Dosri are rated as world-class players.

Qatar, who also have improved under the guidance of Brazilian coach Renaldo Carvalho, is the dark horse in the championship.

"We have the same players who played in the Olympics and we are silently optimistic of creating major upsets," warned Carvalho.

## Three men's seeds crash in Australian Open

MELBOURNE (R) — West German Boris Becker, 17, added to his growing reputation with a resounding second-round victory over seventh-seeded American Tim Mayotte in the Australian Open Tennis Championships Friday.

Becker won 6-4, 7-6, 2-6, 6-4 on a day when two other experienced men's seeds, Vitas Gerulaitis of the United States and India's Vijay Amritraj, also lost out to younger men.

Gerulaitis, seeded sixth, was beaten 7-6, 6-4, 6-2 by Francisco Gonzales of Paraguay and Amritraj lost 6-3, 6-1, 7-6 to Guy Forget of France.

Ivan Lendl of Czechoslovakia, the top men's seed, survived his opening match — he received a bye into the second round — after losing the first set to American Bill Scanlon, always a menacing outsider. Lendl won 4-6, 6-4, 6-4, 6-1.

The women's singles produced some predictable results with Martina Navratilova, the top seed, putting off fellow-American Mary Lou Piatek 6-2, 6-1 and third-seeded Pam Shriver of the United States sweeping aside Corinne Vanier of France 6-2, 6-1.

Virginia Wade, 39, of Britain, who won the Australian title 12 years ago, caused a stir when she took the first set off Hungary's Andrea Temesvari, the eighth seed. She faded, though, and Temesvari won 4-6, 6-0, 6-2.

Becker's victory was a notable achievement. Mayotte is a highly-rated grass-court player who has twice been a Wimbledon quarter-finalist and in 1982, reached the semifinals. But, in Friday's match at least, he lacked the younger man's commitment.

Becker is a restless performer who often brings Jimmy Connors to mind both by his power and his antics. On one crucial point he

held his hands clasped as if in prayer and at the end he punched the air to signal his victory.

"I've always been that way. I am aggressive and I am emotional. I pump myself up," said Becker, whose unorthodox approach is in complete contrast to the normal baseline game of European players.

He charges the net behind his huge first service. His second service carries almost as much weight.

Becker travels with coach Gunter Bosh and since the French Open in June has been managed by Ion Tiriac, the Romanian who was so closely associated with the Nastase's career.

Lendl was faced with a tough opening match against Scanlon, who beat McEnroe in the U.S. Open last year, and it was not until the second set that he found his rhythm. He said later that he had never been more at ease on grass although "I'll probably never feel as confident on it as I do on hard courts."

"I was very happy with the way I started playing in the middle of the second set," said Lendl. "I started serving better and returning better. He's very tough — he can serve and volley very well and he was returning well in the beginning."

Lendl has been practising for up to four hours a day on grass and to supplement this he is playing doubles with Amritraj. A new high-protein diet has also helped him to lose weight which, he says, means he moves better on grass than he used to.

Navratilova, the defending champion who is seeded to meet Chris Evert Lloyd in this year's final, thinks she is a better player now than when she won here in 1983.

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## FIFA cancels two World Cup bookings

ZURICH (R) — Bookings on Northern Ireland's Normal Whiteside and Uwe Rahn of West Germany for celebrating after scoring goals in recent World Cup qualifying matches were cancelled by the International Football Federation (FIFA) executive committee Friday.

The two fell foul of a new ruling by the European Football Union (UEFA) which forbids players leaving the field to celebrate after goals have been scored.

Last month's FIFA Referees' Committee, chaired by Northern

Ireland's Harry Cavan, examined the cases after protests by Northern Ireland and West Germany.

Cavan told Reuters after Friday's meeting: "We do not want to kill the natural exuberance of players celebrating after scoring goals, which is what football is all about."

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## Prince Mohammad chairs shooting federation meeting

AMMAN (Petra) — His Highness Prince Mohammad, chairman of the Jordanian Shooting Federation (JSF), called at the Royal Jordanian Shooting Club Thursday and chaired a meeting of the JSF's board.

Discussion at the meeting centered on ways for promoting the federation's activities and programmes.

Prince Mohammad later made a tour of the club's installations and grounds where shooting practices are usually held.

The JSF was established in 1980 and groups a number of Jordanians interested in the sport. They mostly belong to the Royal Jordanian Shooting Club or the Jordanian Armed Forces. The JSF has participated in many Arab and international tournaments and in the Los Angeles Olympics.

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## Israel cuts more funds from defence

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But they said that the government probably considered self-sufficiency in wheat, a major objective for Saudi Arabia, could be achieved with lower official prices.

## MEA expands maintenance

**BRUSSELS (R)** — European Community (EC) leaders meet in Dublin on Monday for a summit expected to be dominated by splits over what terms to offer Spain and Portugal in entry talks due to be completed by the end of the year.

Some of the leaders moved above the session's lows as U.S. buying interest filtered into the market in late trading. Boots ended 4p down at 186 after 184, Hanson Trust returned to 280 after 277 and Marks and Spencer halved a 2p fall at 117.

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**ARIES** (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Early rid yourself of restrictive situations and replace with the progressive. After a busy day at private matters, rest up tonight.

**TAURUS** (Apr. 20 to May 21) Doing thoughtful things for your friends will show that you want them in your life far into the future.

**GEMINI** (May 21 to June 21) Get into civic duties and add to your prestige at this time. Steer clear of a partner tonight who likes to gossip.

**MOON CHILDREN** (June 22 to Jul. 21) Doing whatever fascinates you that will bring progress is wise today. The evening is best spent banding desk work.

**LEO** (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Play just how to please your mate and be willing to do whatever he or she may request of you. Also drive with utmost care.

**VIRGO** (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Getting together with partners and coming to a better understanding with them is wise in the morning.

**LIBRA** (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) You have many little tasks to perform today so that life is easier in the future, so get at them early. Be careful while driving.

**SCORPIO** (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Make the appointments that will relieve you from anxieties and get the aid of good friends. Learn to economize more in the days ahead.

**SAGITTARIUS** (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Get busy at those tasks you have wanted to do at abode for some time, and they are soon behind you.

**CAPRICORN** (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Early get busy at usual Saturday routines and handle them efficiently. Shop wisely also. Rest up tonight.

**AQUARIUS** (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) A good day for doing errands around the house. After a busy day, don't permit boring individuals to wear you out.

**PISCES** (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Concentrate on your own wishes and needs and go after them in a positive fashion. Going out on the town is not a good idea.

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## Over 60 Sri Lankans die as rebels attack 2 farms

COLOMBO (R) — More than 60 people died Friday when separatist Tamil guerrillas attacked two farms in Sri Lanka and fought a battle with a relief column of troops, a government spokesman said.

The spokesman, Wickrema Weerasooria, told Reuters that at least 42 civilians were killed in the raids on the farms at Padaviya in north central province.

He said troops rushed to the spot and said about 20 guerrillas had been killed in the ensuing battle.

Mr. Weerasooria said a guerrilla organisation called the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) had claimed responsibility for the attacks, launched simultaneously at dawn.

The attacks, involving about 60 rebels, were carried out less than 24 hours after the government announced emergency measures to counter what it called separatist threats to launch a major rebel offensive.

The LTTE is one of about six guerrilla groups operating in northern and eastern Sri Lanka to press for an independent Tamil state.

Prison authorities in Colombo said both farms were rehabilitation centres for former prisoners. About 450 people, including ex-convicts, their wives and children had settled there in the

last four months.

Official sources said most of them belonged to the majority Sinhalese community.

Mr. Weerasooria said 35 civilians were killed at a settlement called Dollar Farm and seven at Kent Farm. He told reporters: "The position in the north is very precarious."

The attack on the two farms, about eight kilometres from each other, caused the highest number of casualties since Tamil rebels launched their armed campaign seven years ago.

National Security Minister Lalith Athulathmudali told parliament Thursday about 4,000 guerrillas, trained in the southern Indian state of Tamil Nadu, planned to invade the island. The Delhi government has repeatedly denied Sri Lankan charges that guerrillas are trained in India.

He said they planned to drive the security forces from the northern and eastern parts of the island and proclaim a separate state called Eelam on Jan. 14, a Hindu festival.

Mr. Athulathmudali announced emergency measures, establishing

a prohibited zone off the northern coast, a security zone in the northern district and restricting the movement of people in the northern areas.

About 250 rebels attacked a police station in northern Jaffna district last week, killing 27 policemen.

In July last year, the killing of 13 Sinhalese soldiers in a guerrilla ambush in the northern district caused ethnic riots which killed about 400 people, mainly Tamils.

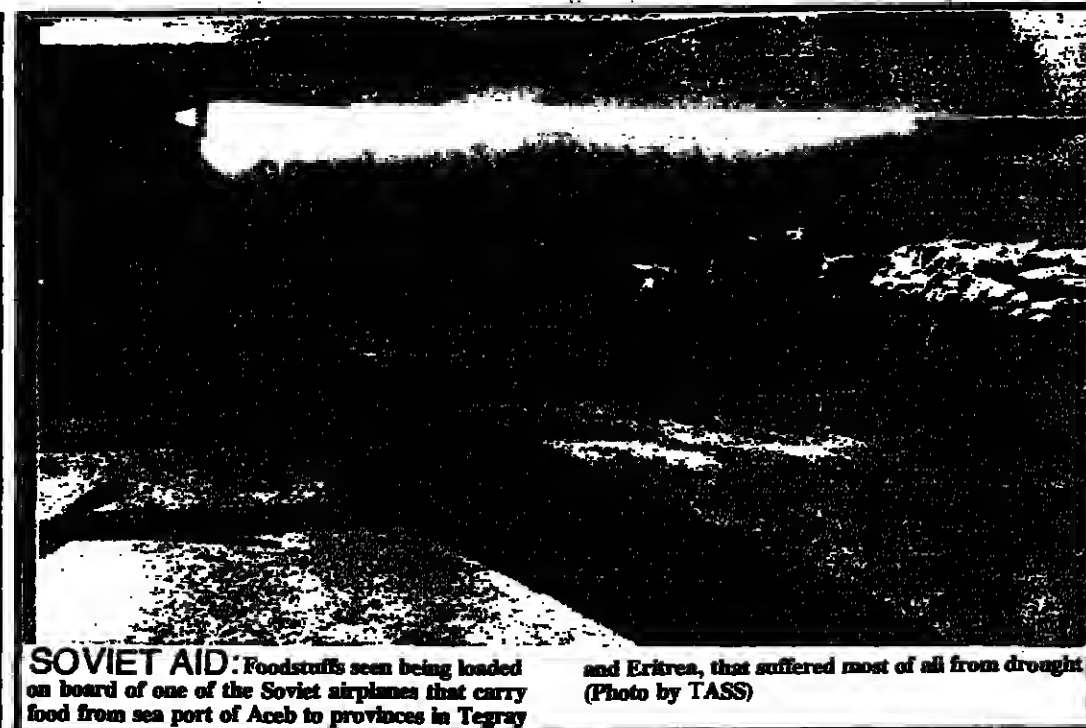
The government Friday night reimposed a 14-hour curfew in the northern Jaffna district and a 12-hour curfew in parts of the island's eastern province.

Mr. Weerasooria said guerrillas blew up a police station at Kankesanthurai in the northern Jaffna district Thursday but it had been vacated the previous day.

Police sources said the Kankesanthurai police station and the Kays police station, also in the northern district, were temporarily closed on Wednesday for tactical reasons.

About 150 policemen in the two stations were moved to other centres in the northern district, they said.

The move followed a major rebel attack on the Chavakachcheri Police Station in the Jaffna district last week in which 27 policemen died.



SOVIET AID: Foodstuffs seen being loaded on board of one of the Soviet airplanes that carry food from sea port of Aceh to provinces in Tigray and Eritrea, that suffered most of all from drought (Photo by TASS)

## Poll forecasts small majority for Gandhi

NEW DELHI (R) — The first opinion poll since Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi called national elections for next month has forecast that his ruling Congress (I) will be returned to power but with a reduced majority.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported that a poll by Dr. Baskara Rao showed Mr. Gandhi would win at least 270 and a maximum of 325 of the 514 seats to be contested in the Lower House of Parliament.

Congress won 354 seats in the last general election four years ago.

Mr. Rao polled 8,000 voters in 40 constituencies in seven key northern, western and southern states.

The poll indicated a low voter turnout and close fights in 100 key constituencies.

It said Mr. Rajiv, 40, sworn in as India's youngest leader only hours after his mother Indira Gandhi was assassinated on Oct. 31, has earned widespread acclaim for his handling of nationwide rioting sparked by her death.

Meanwhile Gurcharan Singh Tohra, widely viewed as a hardline leader of India's 12 million Sikhs, was Friday re-elected president of the committee which controls Amritsar's Golden Temple, the

Sikhs' holiest shrine.

The Press Trust of India (PTI) news agency reported from the holy city of Amritsar that Mr. Tohra, currently in jail, was re-elected president of the Sriromani Gurdwara Prabandhak Committee (SGPC) by temple management officials for the 13th year in succession.

The SGPC supervises administration of Sikh shrines in three northern states, including the Golden Temple where at least 600 people were killed last June when soldiers launched "operation blue star" to root out Sikh separatist guerrillas.

Mr. Tohra and Harchand Singh Longowal, president of the Sikh party, the Akali Dal, are held in prison under special emergency powers. They were arrested during the Golden Temple assault.

The independent Times of India newspaper Friday carried a front-page report which said Mr. Longowal wanted to resign. The newspaper said Mr. Longowal had written from jail to an unnamed Sikh leader expressing a desire to quit as party leader.

In Delhi, PTI reported that one of India's two paramilitary services, the Border Security Force (BSF), will receive night vision devices to help paramilitary forces

protect the country's borders.

The BSF, comprising 85 battalions or about 100,000 men, would be expanded with two extra battalions raised in the border states of northern Punjab and western Rajasthan, it said.

The BSF and the paramilitary Central Reserve Police Force played a key role in trying to quell a separatist guerrilla campaign for an independent Sikh nation in Punjab.

Two Americans have been ordered out of India's northern border state of Punjab, PTI also reported Friday. PTI said L.P. Dierdo and Macian Vachiana were detained by police Thursday in Amritsar for violating a ban on the entry of foreigners into the troubled state.

A magistrate later ordered their release and instructed them to leave the state, it said without giving further details.

A U.S. embassy spokesman said he could not comment on the report.

Canadian Journalist Jonathan Mann was held for one week by police in Punjab earlier this month for defying the ban on foreigners. He was fined \$22 before being freed and ordered out of the state on Nov. 16.

## Senate Republican chief meets Reagan

WASHINGTON (R) — Senator Robert Dole has moved quickly to assume his post as Republican leader in the Senate, joining other party chiefs in a meeting with President Reagan at the White House.

"I didn't know I was taking over

so quickly," Sen. Dole told reporters after the meeting. "I looked around for Howard Baker and he wasn't there."

Sen. Dole was elected to succeed Mr. Baker Wednesday by the 53 Republicans who will serve in the 100-seat Senate next year.

His victory, along with that of assistant majority leader Alan Simpson of Wyoming and several other moderates to leadership positions, signals a shift to the centre for Senate Republicans and more independence from the White House.

## N. Korean reveals China visits

PEKING (R) — North Korean President Kim Il-Sung visited Peking for three days this week to discuss relations with China and ways of reducing tension on the divided Korean peninsula, a Chinese Communist Party spokesman said Friday.

The trip, described by the spokesman as unofficial, took place on Nov. 26-28 and included talks with Chinese leader Deng Xiaoping and Party Secretary General Hu Yaobang.

It followed a shooting incident along the border between North and South Korea last week. Four soldiers, three North Koreans and one South Korean, were killed in the gunbattle, which began when a Soviet language student dashed across the military demarcation line to defect to the South.

North Korea postponed trade talks with South Korea until next year after the incident.

Spokesman Wu Xingtang, a member of the International Liaison Department of the party's Central Committee, told a press conference China wanted to see a reduction of tension between the two Koreas.

The foreign ministers of Chile and Argentina have signed a Vatican-mediated treaty to settle their Beagle Channel dispute and said it was a just pact that showed nations could resolve conflicts peacefully.

The ministers, Dante Caputo of Argentina and Jaime Del Valle of Chile, signed the treaty in a state ceremony in the 16th-century Sala Regia Hall of the Vatican's Apostolic Palace.

Vatican Secretary of State Agostino Casaroli said the treaty was "a great joy" for Pope John Paul. He renewed the Vatican's offer of mediation to solve world conflicts.

## E. Germany announces defence rise

EAST BERLIN (R) — East Germany Friday announced a 6.7 per cent increase in its defence budget following Moscow's 12 per cent boost for Soviet Armed Forces earlier this week.

Prime Minister Willi Stoph, presenting the 1985 budget at a twice-yearly meeting of the National Parliament, said East Germany "would do everything it could to block the path of the most aggressive circles of world imperialism, especially the United States, in their crusade against socialism."

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## New Caledonian whites urged to strike

NOUMEA (R) — White settlers were Friday asked to stage a protest strike Saturday after further chaos in the French Pacific territory of New Caledonia, where a farmer died in a shootout with black militants seeking independence.

The farmer was killed Friday in gunfire between whites and Kanak tribesmen manning one of the hundreds of roadblocks set up to disrupt the territory, police said.

It was the first death since the militant Melanesian Kanaks, outnumbered by settlers, launched their disruptive tactics two weeks ago.

Roger Laroque, mayor of the capital Noumea, then called on the city's 54,000 whites to turn the city into a "dead area" by going on

strike Saturday in protest.

In a statement on television, Mr. Laroque also called on whites to be "ready" if Kanaks form a planned provisional government in the territory Saturday. He did not elaborate.

And Dick Ukeiwe, president of the new anti-independence party dominated local National Assembly, flew to Paris Friday to urge President Francois Mitterrand to order tougher action.

The troubles erupted with the Nov. 18 election of the assembly, set up to run the territory with a high degree of autonomy until a referendum in 1989 on independence.

Kanaks want earlier full independence and say they would lose the referendum because they

make up only 43 per cent of the 145,000 population.

Police now describe many rural towns and villages as being under virtual siege, naming the worst affected as Poya, Kone, Thio, and Ouegoua.

They are largely cut off by road blocks of trees and the authorities are ferrying in food and essential goods by plane and helicopter.

There are also increasing signs of confrontation between French settlers and Kanaks, police said.

White farmer Eugene Guerin, 72, was attacked Thursday by Kanak militants who went to his farm house near Ouegoua. Mr. Guerin told reporters Friday how Kanaks beat him about the head but he survived by slumping to the ground and pretending to be dead.

diverted to humanitarian needs. Agreement on the text of the treaty and the referendum results were major victories for Mr. Alfonsín, who assumed office last year after eight years of military rule.

Vatican and diplomatic sources in Rome gave much credit to the Alfonsín government for the breakthrough in the mediation last January, when Mr. Caputo and Mr. Del Valle signed a declaration of friendship and peace at the Vatican.

The treaty, which has to be passed by the Argentine Congress and ratified by the Chilean parliament, will reduce weapons spending and allow more resources to be

## Hawke set for landslide

SYDNEY (R) — Australian Prime Minister Bob Hawke looks set for a landslide win in Saturday's general election despite a late surge in the popularity of opposition leader Andrew Peacock, a last-minute opinion poll said Friday.

The poll, published in the Australian newspaper, showed voter support for Mr. Hawke's Labour government unchanged from last weekend at 51 per cent, nine per cent more than the National-Liberal opposition coalition.

But Mr. Peacock's personal rating rose from 37 per cent to 54 per cent against Mr. Hawke's 69 per cent after Monday's live television debate between the two leaders. Early last month Mr. Peacock was rated the least popular federal leader in Australian history.

A Morgan Gallup telephone poll said support for Labour would give the government a record majority of nearly 50 seats in an expanded 148-seat House of Representatives (lower house).

But his hopes of gaining control of the Senate (upper house) could be dashed by a fledgling anti-nuclear party which has siphoned off Labour voters in half the 76 seats being contested, according to the polls.

Mr. Hawke, who has campaigned on his government's achievements during 20 months in office, made an emotional appeal to Labour voters not to support the Nuclear Disarmament Party (NDP) in his final campaign address Thursday.



Bob Hawke

The Morgan poll showed support for the NDP stood at nine per cent which under the proportional representation voting system would be enough to leave the balance of power with the small independent Australian Democrats.

Mr. Hawke already has a 25-seat majority in the lower house following his election win in March 1983. He hoped that by calling early polls to combine voting for both chambers he would swing the upper house in his favour.

But the NDP has taken votes away from Labour and could give one of its leaders, Peter Garrett, a rock singer, a Senate seat.

Mr. Hawke said earlier this week that an obstructionist Senate "with the power to delay legislation would make government more difficult but added that he was still optimistic Labour would have a majority in both houses.

The polls open at 8 a.m. (2100 GMT Nov. 30) and close at 6 p.m. (0700 GMT.)

First results are expected by 8 p.m. (0900 GMT) and first computer predictions by 9 p.m. (1000 GMT). The result of the election should be known around 10 p.m. (1100 GMT.)

## N. Zealand opposition sacks Muldoon

WELLINGTON (R) — Former Prime Minister Sir Robert Muldoon, a dominant force in New Zealand politics for the last decade, was dismissed as leader of the opposition National Party and replaced by his deputy, Jim McLay.

Mr. Muldoon, 59, a former lawyer was one of five candidates in the ballot held by national MPs Thursday following the party's sweeping defeat by Labour in July.

Mr. McLay, the deputy prime minister under Mr. Muldoon, immediately promised a new style of leadership and said he would rebuild the party to win the next election.

A nationwide poll on the eve of the leadership ballot showed National led by Mr. McLay running well ahead of Labour, but behind under Mr. Muldoon.

Mr. Muldoon, 63, told reporters Thursday he would stay in parliament as "an elderly backbencher" but would quit as opposition finance spokesman.

Asked if his sacking was the hardest blow in a long political career, he replied: "I can't remember the toughest, but this isn't even one of them."

His departure was welcomed by many party officials. Former Prime Minister Sir John Marshall said he expected disaffected supporters to return to National under Mr. McLay and his deputy, former Labour Minister, Jim Bolger, 49.

## 4 injured, 92 arrested in one-day Peruvian general strike

LIMA (R) — Four people were reported wounded and police said 92 were arrested during a one-day general strike which disrupted key sectors of the economy throughout Peru.

Presidential Secretary Frank Valcarcel said the stoppage Thursday, in protest against government austerity policies, was almost total in some parts of the country.

Labour leaders said 90 per cent of the unionised workforce joined in. But Labour Minister Joaquin Leguía said only 14 per cent of private sector workers heeded the strike call.

The minister said about a third of civil servants in several ministries stayed away from work. Protesters used rocks to block two major highways in the central Andes.

In the capital, riot police cleared barricades of flaming tyres on five major avenues, eyewitnesses said.

An 18-year-old girl was seriously injured in an explosion Thursday and a youth was hit by a bullet, hospital sources said. Two youths were wounded in a gun battle between students and police at a Lima University, witnesses said.

## NATO chief hopes progress will impress U.S.

BRUSSELS (R) — Secretary General Lord Carrington hopes the NATO alliance will next week take important steps to improve basic non-nuclear defences and impress critics in the United States Congress.

Defence ministers from 14 NATO countries, all except France and Iceland, are expected to agree next Tuesday and Wednesday on a major increase in joint spending on ground facilities and pledge to remedy critical shortages of ammunition.

In an interview with Reuters, Lord Carrington recalled these were priorities set by Senator Sam Nunn in an amendment narrowly defeated last June that threatened U.S. troop withdrawals unless the European allies did more for their own conventional defence.

"If we pledge ourselves to try to put those things right, I think there is a very good chance that Senator Nunn will feel that the alliance and in particular the Europeans are doing some of the things he felt necessary," he said.

Ministers are set to approve a fund of \$7.85 billion to upgrade NATO's military infrastructure of fuel pipelines, communications, airfields and equipment dumps over the next six years. U.S. officials say this represents a real increase of about 40 per cent over the previous programme.

Less glamorous than new planes or tanks, these basic defence facilities are essential to NATO's strategy of bringing massive reinforcements of men and aircraft to Europe from North America in a time of crisis or war.

Sen. Nunn and other Senate critics say there is no point in the U.S. sending over some 1,100 planes worth \$50 billion if there are no facilities to accommodate them and if the European allies run out of ammunition in the early days of a conflict.

Lord Carrington said he hoped some of the extra NATO funds would be used to speed up airfield improvements and build hardened shelters. He also forecast a commitment to deal with shortages of ammunition and war reserve stocks.

NATO guidelines call for nations to hold munitions for 30 days' fighting but only the U.S. meets that goal at present and some allies could fight for only about 10 days, officials say.

## Doctors separate Siamese twins

GALVESTON, Texas (R) — Doctors have separated newly-born Siamese twin girls and said they appeared to be doing well.

"I'm real pleased with everything that's gone on so far," said Dr. Thom Lobe, head of a 12-member team which worked for 18 hours to separate the girls. They had been joined from the breastbone to the navel and shared the liver and the small intestine. Dr. Lobe told a news conference at the University of Texas medical branch that the girls, named Alma and Ashley, might be able to spend Christmas at their home in Beaumont. He said the liver was big enough to be split between the girls. The small intestine was also divided. Both girls had strong hearts, he added.

## U.S. approves private global satellite systems

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has agreed to let private U.S. firms set up international communications satellite systems, the Commerce and State Departments said.

Approval by U.S. regulatory officials of applications for private systems was likely to follow, an administration official said. The private satellite systems are opposed by IntelSat, the International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation, which has a monopoly on international satellite communications. IntelSat is a consortium of 109 member countries, including the United States.

In a letter to the Federal Communications Commission, the Commerce and State Departments said Mr. Reagan "has determined that separate international communications satellite systems are required in the national interest."

They said new systems should be approved on condition they serve only private networks and are coordinated with IntelSat.

## Dinosaurs reportedly killed off by radiation

MOSCOW (R) — Dinosaurs may have been killed off by radiation due to a sharp increase in the uranium content in the lagoons where they lived, according to the findings of a Soviet scientist published Thursday. The weekly Moscow News cited geologist Sergei Neruchev as saying his theory was based on research showing that the extinction of the prehistoric creatures coincided with a period of high natural uranium levels in rocks and water.

Biologists had already shown that living cells "soaked up" uranium and it was plausible that the dinosaurs had gradually absorbed so much radiation that it killed them, he said. Neruchev said his theory was supported by analysis of dinosaur fossils that showed they had an unusually high uranium content. It appeared that natural uranium levels reached a peak every 30 to 40 million years, causing extinction among animals and plants.

## Opel Kadett chosen as car of the year

PARIS (R) — The Opel Kadett was named car of the year, beating the Renault 25 and Lancia Thema in a poll of 51 motoring journalists from 16 European countries. The Kadett scored 326 points; the Renault 267 and the Lancia 181. The Honda Civic, fourth with 178 points, was the first of seven Japanese cars that made the 15-strong classification. The annual poll was first held in 1963, when it was won by the Rover 2000. Last year's winner was the Fiat Uno. The French sports daily L'Equipe, one of six European publications that organised the poll, published the results Thursday.

## Gunman kills 2 in Hamburg station

HAMBURG, West Germany (R) — Two men were killed and one was seriously hurt when a man armed with a pistol ran amok at a railway station in the Altona district of Hamburg, police said. Police said a 25-year-old Turk had been arrested, but there was no clue as to the motive for the shootings.

## Hitler painting sold

LONDON (R) — A watercolour of a Bavarian village by Adolf Hitler was sold for £4,206 (£17,000) by a British collector at an auction of German wartime memorabilia recently.